

Emscote Express

Issue 5, 10th November 2017

Diary dates

November

- 13th Cinema trip for Years 1 & 2
- 15th Reception Maths meeting , 2pm & 6pm
- 17th Oak Sharing Assembly
Children in Need – dress down for donation
Disco 4-5.30pm
- 24th Willow Sharing Assembly
Raise funds for Bo - dress down for donation

December

- 1st Cherry Sharing Assembly
Emscote Infant School Christmas Fair 5-7pm
- 2nd All Saints' Church Christmas Fair, 11am–2pm
- 4th All years nasal spray immunisation
- 7th Holly Sharing Assembly
Reception heights & weights check
- 11th Rec/Year 1 Christmas Show 1.45pm
- 12th Rec/Year 1 Christmas Show 5pm
- 14th Rec/Year 1 Christmas Show 5pm
- 19th Cinderella pantomime in school
- 20th Christmas dinner
Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert 6pm
- 21st Christmas service at All Saints' Church
- 22nd – TERM FINISHES

2018

January

- 5th Inset Day – school closed
- 8th RETURN TO SCHOOL
- 10th Choir performance at Young Voices
- 17th Planetarium in school

February

- 19th – 23rd HALF TERM

March

- 29th March TERM FINISHES

May

- 28th HALF TERM

June

- 4th Inset Day – school closed

July

- 20th TERM FINISHES



Be wise – immunise!

All children will be offered the nasal flu vaccination on 4th December. Consent forms will be sent out next week so please look out for it and send it back promptly.

Visit from Palisander Music Group

On Monday, the whole school were treated to a fantastic musical treat from Palisander, a recorder quartet. They have a range of recorder instruments, including one which is 6ft tall! All the children enjoyed the interactive performance, and Palisander were impressed with how well everyone listened and joined in.



Dress down for Bo

One World Link are planning a trip to Bo in Sierra Leone next February, and our own Mr Hussey is planning to go as part of the scheme to help train teachers. This year, we need to raise funds to help fund his travel, so on Friday 24th November, children can come in green, white and blue clothes (the flag colours) in return for a £1 donation.



Next Friday 17th November all children are invited to the school disco 4-5.30pm. Entry is £3 on the door and includes a drink and a packet of crisps.

Grandparent's Afternoon Tea

We had a lovely time entertaining Grandparents and hope they enjoyed their visit to our school



All aboard to vote for Emscote!

The Aviva Community fund is open for voting and we need your help to secure a grant of £5000 to replace our play train. Please use this link to go to our project and give us your vote - and then ask your family and friends to do the same! **Voting is open between 24th October and 21st November** and anyone who lives in the UK can vote - you will just need to registers on the Aviva Community Fund website. You'll get 10 votes and you can use them all to support one project! If we get enough votes our project will make it through to the final and a panel of judges will decide which projects will receive funding. Thanks for your support!

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-1705>



Chatter Bags

If you have one of our 'Chatter Bags' at home, please return them to the office so other families can have enjoy them too. Thank you.

School dinner puddings – balancing the menu

In the Parent Questionnaire, some parents expressed concern about the puddings served with lunch every day, being too high in sugar or fat. Our provider, Educaters confirm that children are offered a pudding or fresh fruit as after their main meal. This complies with the government's School Food Standards for school dinners.

The puddings are part of the balance of the meal. e.g. if the main meal is fish, potatoes and vegetables - a pudding of fruit sponge and custard provides the fruit and dairy elements to balance the meal. All puddings are portion controlled and comply with the daily recommended intake for sugar and fats for children of this age group.

You can check the School Food Standards at <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>

Help to tidy the Library!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us tidy up the Library so children find it easier to choose books. If you can spare 2 hours, please let the office know. Thank you!



Poet from the peaks to visit us at Emscote!

Next week we are looking forward to a visit from Andy Tooze, the 'Poet from the Peaks'.

His engaging style will help the children enjoy poetry, and signed copies of his latest book 'The Poetry Bug' will be available to by at a discounted price.



Promoting speaking and listening

Speaking and listening are key skills for children to master if they are to progress well at school. An easy way to practice is to turn off the tv and listen to the radio. Visit Cbeebies radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio> for brilliant speaking and listening resources for your child, and stories in the car are great.