

Emscote Express

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Diary dates

December

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- 11th Visit to All Saints' to watch Year 3 concert
Rec/Year 1 Christmas Show 1.45pm
12th Rec/Year 1 Christmas Show 5pm
14th Rec/Year 1 Christmas Show 5pm
15th Christmas Jumper Day
19th Walk to St Nicholas' Park
Cinderella pantomime in school
20th Christmas dinner
Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert 6pm
21st Christmas service at All Saints' Church
Christmas Party Lunch
Class parties
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

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

'A Christmas Miracle' Nativity
Reception/Year 1 - tickets required
Monday 11th December at 1.45pm
Tuesday 12th December at 5pm
Thursday 14th December at 5pm

Year 2 Carol Concert at All Saints' Church
Year 2 – no tickets required, all welcome
Wednesday 20th December at 6pm

Thank you Mrs Harvey

After 11 years working hard organising everyone and sorting out every type of problem, Mrs Harvey is leaving her post as School Administrator at Christmas to enjoy pursuing her many other interests.

She really is part of the fixtures and fittings here at Emscote Infant School, and will be very much missed by all the staff and children. Before she worked in the office, she was chair of the PTA for a number of years and volunteered as a parent helper on a regular basis, so has played a big role in the school for some 20 years. We all wish her well and hope she still pops in to see us.



Farewell Mrs Hudson

Mrs Hudson joined us in September last year and has made a great impression on staff and children. She will be remembered for getting 17 members of staff to wear wigs in a Dragon Boat in September, and we wish her well in her new post.



Christmas walk to St Nicholas' Park

As in previous years, on Tuesday 19th December we are planning to walk the children to St Nicholas' Park nearby for a play and run around before the pantomime in the afternoon. **We will need parent volunteers to help escort the children. Please let class teachers know if you can help. The trip is weather dependent!**

Keeping safe online at Christmas

We have been alerted to a site called **santabot.com** this month

This is an automated chat site and we have been assured that this is not by the real Santa Claus. "Santa" starts by asking your name, and then you type in questions e.g. 'will I get a doll for Christmas?' Some of the replies that "Santa" gives are spurious and confusing. One pupil received a reply that said "I am not real" and "I will burn your presents!" You will be pleased to know that the pupil was reassured and is looking forward to their Christmas and the presents that the real Santa will be delivering.

Severe Weather & School Closure

Now the weather is more wintery, just a reminder that if we need to close the school due to bad weather, you will receive a text before 8.30am.

You can also listen for local radio updates, or check with Warwickshire County Council <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures> where you can also sign up to get texts from WCC.

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all the hard work of the PTA and other volunteers and staff, the fair last Friday raised a fabulous **£1650!** £400 of this is from match funding with a local company, so thanks to parents that help us with this. The funds will be used to support extra activities and equipment in school.

Christmas Jumper Day next Friday 15th December – wear a sweater to make the world better! Voluntary donation for *Save the Children*



Cinders coming to visit us....

We are all looking forward to the panto coming to school in the last week of term. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this annual treat – everyone loves it!

Come and knit and natter!

We invite you to come and knit and natter at All Saints' Church, every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 11am from January. We will be knitting for The Big Knitted Christmas Tree 2018, Warwick Poppies and whatever you choose. Refreshments provided!

Christmas cards -

Emscote postal service!

From next week children can post cards to their school friends in our post box near the office. Our year 2 children will then sort and deliver to classrooms. Please use this service to save time in the classrooms in the mornings.



Thank you



Children can come to school in their party clothes on **Thursday 21st December**; they will all have a party food lunch together provided by the kitchen and afterwards have a fun afternoon of party games in their classrooms.

Textile collection

Our school came 5th in the league table so well done to all those who put out bags! Overall over 670 bags of textiles were put out by families across Warwick as part of the competition, and together you collected 3.3 tonnes of textiles (the same weight as an adult hippo!).