



EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

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Spring Term 2016

Newsletter No. 5 – 8th January 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and I wish you a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to an exciting 2016 and all the wonderful things we are going to do this term.

Christmas Concert Collections

Thank you for your very generous donations at the school Christmas concerts; we were able to send £337.87 to the Myton Hospice.

Christmas Tree Festival Success

The school took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church in December with the children making decorations to be displayed on a tree in the Beauchamp Chapel of the church. We are delighted to say we were voted the best tree in the young people's category. A special thank you goes to Mrs Madagan and Mrs Stephenson for all their efforts in helping make the event such a success.

Carry On Reading

I would encourage you to keep up the good work you have been doing in supporting your child's reading. Let's see a continuing improvement in the amount of reading done at home – don't forget there is a reading trophy waiting to be won! Remember that you can come and take a book from our 'trust library'.

January Athletics Madness

This month your child could be in with a chance of winning a prize; each time they win a Athletics certificate, by earning they earn 1000 points a, they will be entered into a prize draw. The more certificates the more chances! Do let us know if you are having any problems logging on.

Clubs

Clubs will start next week, on **Monday 11th January**. The week beginning **7th March** is the last week for clubs.

Friends of Emscote Infant School

The next meeting of the Friends of Emscote Infant School will be on **Tuesday 12th January** at 7.30pm at school. All welcome.

Reception Parents Maths Meeting

Next **Thursday 14th January** there will be maths meetings for reception parents at 2.00pm and 6.00pm, you are invited to attend whichever meeting is convenient for you.

Admission Forms for School

Don't forget, if your child is due to start in reception or to move to junior school in September this year you should complete and return the appropriate admission forms to the Admissions Service by **Friday 15th January**. It is vital if you would like your child to attend Emscote that you put the school as your

first choice. You can apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions; if you have any problems call admissions on 01926 742037.

Sharing Assemblies

The sharing assemblies this term will be on the following Friday mornings at 9.15am:

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| 15th January | Sycamore |
| 21st January | Apple |
| 22nd January | Maple |
| 5th February | Holly |
| 12th February | Oak |
| 26th February | Willow |
| 4th March | Cherry |
| 11th March | Chestnut |
| 17th March | Easter Church Service |

Science Week

We will be enjoying a week dedicated to science from **Monday 25th January**. The children will be moving around the school to undertake a wide range of science-based activities with different teachers. Please could you collect old newspapers and junk-modelling materials (such as boxes, kitchen roll tubes and plastic bottles) and give them to your child's teacher before that week.

Parents' Evenings

Please find time to attend parents' evenings where we will discuss your child's progress and how they can be supported at home. This term they will be held on **Tuesday 2nd February between 3.15 – 5.00pm** and **Thursday 4th February between 5.00 – 7.00pm**. Sign up sheets will be placed in the foyer on **Monday 18th January**. If you are unable to come in to school to sign up for an appointment you are welcome to email the school with your requirements admin2332@welearn365.com.

Impact in Learning

Impact in Learning sessions this term will take place as follows:

Monday 8th February for Sycamore class, 9.00 – 10.00am

Monday 8th February for Holly class, 2.00 – 3.00pm

Wednesday 10th February for Maple class, 9.00 – 10.00am

Wednesday 10th February for Oak class, 2.00 – 3.00pm

Thursday 11th February for Apple class, 9.00 – 10.00am

These sessions, which help parents support their children's learning at home, have been very successful and we have seen improvements in school as a direct result. **It is vital that all children have an adult with them on the relevant day.**

Eyes Down

The annual Easter Bingo for the whole family takes place on **Friday 11th March at 5.00pm**. The children can come to school **in their own clothes on that day** in return for bringing an Easter egg donation.

New Technology

Thanks to the kind generosity of the Friends of Emscote Infant School we have been able to purchase 16 new iPad Air 2s. The children are looking forward to using them.

100 Club Winners

The winners of the December draw of the Friends 100 Club were Ms Jones and Mrs Harvey.

In Case of Bad Weather

You can sign up to receive text alerts if the school has to close due to bad weather, or other emergency situations, at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Announcements will also be made on local

radio stations. Please make sure we have your current mobile telephone numbers as we will additionally use the school text system to communicate with you if we have to close suddenly.

Muddy Play

We are encouraging the children to use the whole playground at play time, including the grassy areas which are a bit muddy at the moment. Please can the children bring wellies to school to prevent their school shoes getting messy; you can send the appropriate footwear in a named carrier bag.

Walk To School

I would like to thank all of you who walk to school where you can, and those who park a little way from school and walk the last bit, it does help make the children fitter and the roads around school safer.

Attendance December 2015

| Class | Attendance | Lates |
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| Willow | 96.3% | 7 |
| Cherry | 94.2% | 3 |
| Chestnut | 94.6% | 11 |
| Apple | 93.7% | 9 |
| Holly | 97.6% | 7 |
| Maple | 96.7% | 8 |
| Oak | 94.4% | 11 |
| Sycamore | 97.4% | 9 |

Despite the usual seasonal illnesses only half the classes fell below our school target for 96% attendance. Congratulations go to Holly and Sycamore for the best percentage attendance in December, and to Cherry for the least number of lates last month. Let's try really hard this Spring Term to have attendance in excess of our target in all classes.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Queralt
Associate Headteacher

Diary

January

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| 11 th | Clubs start |
| 14 th | Reception maths meetings 2.00pm & 6.00pm |
| 15 th | Sycamore sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 21 st | Apple sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 22 nd | Maple sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 25 th | Science week |
| 29 th | Science sharing assembly 9.15am |

February

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| 2 nd | Parents' evening 3.15 – 5.00pm |
| 4 th | Parents' evening 5.00 – 7.00pm |
| 5 th | Holly sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 8 th | Impact, Sycamore, 9.00am |
| 8 th | Impact, Holly, 2.00pm |
| 10 th | Impact, Maple, 9.00am |
| 10 th | Impact, Oak, 2.00pm |
| 11 th | Impact, Apple, 9.00am |
| 12 th | Oak sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 16 th – 20 th | HALF TERM |
| 26 th | Willow sharing assembly 9.15am |

March

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| 3 rd | World Book Day |
| 4 th | Cherry sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 7 th | Last week of clubs |
| 11 th | Non-uniform day |
| 11 th | Chestnut sharing assembly 9.15am |
| 11 th | Friends of Emscote Infant School Easter Bingo 5.00pm |
| 16 th | Easter Egg Tombola |
| 17 th | Easter church service 9.15am |
| 18 th | Last day of term |

April

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| 4 th | BACK TO SCHOOL |
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