



EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

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Summer Term 2016

Newsletter no. 11 – 4th July 2016

Dear parents,

It's going to be a busy few weeks with sporting fixtures, picnics and concerts. I am very much looking forward to the year 2 show - although we will be sad to see the children leave we know they will be just as happy and successful in their junior schools.

Emscote Voices

Well done to our fabulous school choir for their performances at the Royal Albert Hall and Warwick Schools' Midsummer Concert at St Mary's Church last month. As ever they were fantastic and we received lots of compliments about them.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those who helped run the book fair, and purchased books, so that we were able to raise £150 for new books for the classrooms.

Summer Fair

The Friends of Emscote Infant School Summer Fair took place on Saturday, and although the weather did its best to beat us it was a great success with families enjoying themselves while helping raise funds for the school. We really appreciate the support of the Friends, and would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Sherratt for her part as chair of the PTA.

Clubs

This week commencing 4th July is the last week for clubs this term. Please note there will be no Football Club after school on **Tuesday 5th July** as school will be closed due to industrial action (see below).

Industrial Action

The school will be closed to children on **Tuesday 5th July** due to NUT industrial action. There will be no Football Club after school on this day. The club will take place on the following **Tuesday 12th July** instead.

Farewell Performances

Year 2 will be performing their special leavers' concert *Eddie The Penguin Saves The World* for their parents and siblings at 6.00pm on **Wednesday 6th July**, and the concert will be followed by hotdogs and squash. Parents of year 2 children have been sent a letter asking for their food requirements; if you have not already told your child's teacher what you would like to eat please do so as a matter of urgency. There will also be a performance at **2.00pm on that day** for those parents not able to attend in the evening, and grandparents or other family members.

Fundraising Personalised Shopping Bags

As part of their fundraising efforts the Friends are selling canvas shopping bags featuring self portraits of the children. There is a bag for each class at a price of £7 each, or you can have a bag with a different class on each side for £10. You will have received a letter showing the designs, and there are posters on the windows of Apple and Cherry classes. The deadline for orders is **Friday 8th July**.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on **Wednesday 13th July** (weather permitting – reserve sports day is **Friday 15th July**) at All Saints' CofE Junior School. You are invited to join us at All Saints' for the event; we aim to be there from 9.30am. (Look out for more details to follow in a separate letter.) We will then return to Emscote after the event where you will be able to have a picnic lunch with your child. **All children will need a packed lunch on that day; the kitchen will provide a lunch for your child unless you tell us otherwise.** After lunch you will be able to have a look at your child's work in their classroom; all children will then stay in school for the rest of the afternoon and you will need to return to collect them at the end of the school day.

Picnic Fun

We will be having a joint picnic lunch with All Saints' CofE Junior School on their playing fields on **Thursday 14th July**. All the children will be provided with a packed lunch from our school kitchen, unless you tell the office otherwise. Please make sure your child has a hat and suncream on if the weather is hot.

Fiery Feet Performance

Chestnut and Apple classes have been doing dance classes with Fiery Feet this term and will be demonstrating what they have learnt on **Thursday 14th July** at 2.30pm. Please arrive promptly; the performance will be finished by 2.45pm.

Reports

Your child's report will be given to you on **Friday 15th July**. Please do complete and return the report comment slip to your class teacher; we really appreciate feedback on the reports and how you feel your child's year has gone.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

All over the UK libraries are celebrating 100 years since the birth of the world's favourite storyteller Roald Dahl. The Big Friendly Read, the libraries' Summer Reading Challenge 2016, is your child's chance to join in those celebrations. Through the challenge libraries are encouraging children to read at least six library books over the summer. They can be any books they like - novels, fact books, joke books, e-books and audio books. Library staff can help your children choose books they will really enjoy. As they read their books each child will receive collector cards that make up a set to complete a folder. Each card features an original piece of Quentin Blake artwork from a classic Roald Dahl tale, as well as some fun activities on the reverse. These build to become a unique record of your child's Summer Reading Challenge, and a great way to mark Dahl's centenary. The challenge **starts Saturday 16th July across Warwickshire Libraries, as well as story and craft events. For more information see www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk**

Teddy Bear's Picnic

The school council has arranged a Teddy Bear's Picnic for **Wednesday 20th July**, to help raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Pupils can bring their teddies to school and £1 donation; the whole school will then be walking to the park for the picnic. We will be leaving at 9.30am, playing in the park and having a picnic lunch before walking back. All children will be supplied with a picnic

lunch from the school kitchen unless you tell us otherwise. If you are able to help please make yourself known to your child's class teacher.

Church Service

Do join us for our end of term service at All Saints' Church on **Thursday 21st July** at 9.15am.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school at all times. They are available to purchase from the school office at 30p each.

Goodbye and Hello

We say goodbye to teaching assistant Mrs Sanderson and thank her for her great contribution to the school, we shall miss her. We welcome Miss Wright as new Cherry class teacher, and Mrs Downie and Mrs Hudson as new teaching assistants.

June 100 Club Winners

The winners of the Friends of Emscote Infant School 100 Club June draw were Mrs Sherratt and Mrs Tracey.

Library

Don't forget to make use of our school library which is packed with books for all interests. I remind you we are running the library on a trust system, whereby you can borrow one book at a time, returning it to substitute it for another.

Reading Books

Each child will be given two books to read over the summer holidays. Please look after them! When they are finished do carry on practising with other books you have at home or visit the local library. Year 2 children can give their books back to their new teacher at All Saints' at the beginning of next term, or drop them back in to Emscote. Make sure you put a piece of paper with your name on it with the books.

Extreme Reading Challenge

I am setting my annual extreme reading challenge, inviting everyone to have a go at reading a book in an unusual situation over the summer holiday. Email a picture of your efforts to admin2332@welearn365.com and prizes will be awarded to the most adventurous.

Holiday Club

Kits Academy will be running a holiday camp at All Saints' CofE Junior School during the first three weeks of the summer holiday. There will be a wide range of sports and performing arts / dance activities on offer with discounts available for All Saints' and Emscote children. For further information please contact CJ on 07772 873271 or email bookings@kitsacademy.com.

June Attendance and Lateness

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Willow	94.8%	1	Apple	98.9%	7
Cherry	94.2%	3	Holly	96.8%	4
Chestnut	94%	4	Maple	93.4%	4
Oak	96.8%	7	Sycamore	98.8%	3

I am pleased to see the number of lates dropped dramatically last month across the school. Congratulations go to Sycamore for an exemplary high attendance figure. I look forward to seeing a continued improvement in attendance as the term draws to a close.

Friday 22nd July is the last day of term; we look forward to welcoming years 1 and 2 back to school on Monday 5th September.

Yours sincerely,

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