



EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

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Spring Term 2016

Newsletter no. 7 – 4th March 2016

Dear parents,

WEEE Waste Week

Monday 7th March is the beginning of Waste Week and we will spend the week focussing on the issues of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). E-waste, unwanted electronic goods that are sent to landfill, is becoming one of the biggest waste challenges for the future. The school ECO team will be leading discussions in class about this issue. It would be helpful if you could talk with your child about: identifying electrical and electronic items around the home; whether there are any mobile phones sitting in a drawer that could be reused and recycled; and how you may have disposed of some of your larger electrical items when they have stopped working. We will be collecting used batteries and taking them to the recycling centre, and we will continue this initiative throughout the summer term as well. Whoever brings in the most batteries will receive a special e-waste certificate.

Sharing Assemblies

The last sharing assemblies of the term will be held at 9.15am on:

11th March	Chestnut
17th March	Easter Church Service

Eyes Down

The annual Easter Bingo for the whole family takes place on **Friday 11th March, doors open at 4.30pm.** The children can come to school **in their own clothes on that day** in return for bringing an Easter egg donation.

Learn To Play Day

As part of the national Learn to Play Day Presto Music in Leamington Spa are offering free musical instrument lessons in store on Saturday 12th March. The shop, in Park Street, will be giving you the opportunity to have a free lesson on the piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone. The event will run from 11.00am – 4.00pm; sign up for your lesson at www.prestomusic.co.uk/learntoplay.

Egg-citing Opportunity

There will be another opportunity to win Easter Eggs on **Wednesday 16th March.** The Friends will be holding an Easter Egg Tombola in the playground at the end of the day.

Easter Church Service

You are all welcome to join us for our Easter Church Service at 9.15am on **Thursday 17th March.**

Sport Relief

The children can come to school in something sporty on **Friday 18th March** in exchange for a donation to Sport Relief. We will be going up to All Saints' in the morning for some sporty fun on the field there. In addition you are all encouraged to enter our Bake Off competition with a sports-themed cake, cupcakes or biscuits. There will be prizes for two categories, adult and children, and the entries will then be sold in the playground after school to raise further funds for the charity. Please bring your entries to school in the morning. Mr Irving won the Comic Relief Staff Bake Off last year and we haven't heard the end of it. Let's see if someone can beat him this year.

University Holiday Scheme

The University of Warwick Easter Holiday Scheme is now open for bookings. The scheme will be held over a three week period from Monday 21st March until Friday 8th April (excluding 25th and 28th March) for children aged 4-11 years old. A timetable detailing the activities is available to view at warwick.ac.uk/holidayscheme. The sessions are priced at £39 per day (8.00am-6.00pm) and £26 for half days.

The Gap Abseil Challenge

You are invited to take part in a 90ft abseil down Leamington Spa College's M Block to enjoy a challenge and raise funds for local charity The Gap Community Centre. The abseil takes place on **9th April 2016**; this exciting opportunity costs just £30 to take part, with a minimum of £50 sponsorship needing to be raised per person. The charity will use the money raised in its work helping relieve social isolation and the promotion of health and wellbeing in the local community. Working with people who need it the most The Gap is a safe haven which provides fun activities and new opportunities for young and old alike. Call Sara on (01926) 494200 for more details or register at www.thegapabseilchallenge.eventbrite.co.uk

For St George

In honour of the patron saint of England the kitchen will be offering a special St. George's Day feast on **Friday 23rd April**. The menu is pork meatballs on a bed of pasta with rich gravy and peas (the vegetarian alternative being vegetable finger wrap with british diced potatoes and vegetable sticks) followed by red jelly pot and British organic milk.

Disco Fever

The Friends are organising a disco for the children which will be held on **Friday 20th May** at 4.00pm. Tickets will be available on the door.

School Closure

School will be closed on **Monday 6th June** for a teacher training day.

Toast Money

The children are able to buy a slice of toast at break time for 20p. Please discuss this with your child and make sure they know whether they are going to be able to take up this opportunity and furnish them with the correct money. And talk about what 20p looks like because they can be found trying to buy their toast with a 5p piece!

Money for Events

When you are sending money and reply slips in to school please make sure you use an appropriately marked envelope; if you do not have a spare envelope (a recycled one is always acceptable) please use a sealed piece of paper. Sometimes the office is inundated with loose money and slips for school trips and other events and it can be very difficult to keep track of payments and consent forms.

Careful Parking

I do appreciate parking can be difficult when dropping off and collecting children. Please make every effort to park carefully and sensibly, making particular allowances for dropped curbs where pushchairs need to negotiate. And you must observe the road markings. If you are not pushed for time it would be greatly appreciated if you could try parking further away from the school. I have asked the local police to assist in enforcing the rules of the road.

Collecting Children

Please let your child's class teacher know when you drop them off in the morning if you know you are not going to be collecting your child at the end of the school day. If your plans change during the day please let the school office know by lunch time wherever possible. We do understand that sometimes circumstances change at the last minute and beyond your control, and we will of course do our best to accommodate last minute messages to the classroom, but it can be difficult to administrate this and would therefore encourage you to avoid it if at all possible.

Rotary Thanks

We are very grateful to the Rotary Club of Warwick who kindly gave us a donation of £50 for the choir's appearance at the Carols at the Castle concert just before Christmas.

Eco School and Email

As we are an Eco School we try to reduce our paper usage by sending our correspondence to you via email and text wherever possible. **Please remember to check your email frequently to make sure you do not miss any important correspondence.**

Attendance February 2016

Class	Attendance	Lates
Willow	98.4%	12
Cherry	92.9%	13
Chestnut	97.7%	6
Apple	95.2%	13
Holly	96.0%	5
Maple	97.6%	10
Oak	92.1%	9
Sycamore	97.8%	9

I am pleased to see the number of lates decreased last month in comparison to those recorded in January; I would like to see a further decrease this month. Chestnut is to be congratulated on having the least number of lates in February. Willow achieved an exemplary percentage attendance.

Yours sincerely,

J Queralt

J Queralt
Associate Headteacher

Diary

March

7 th	Last week of clubs
7 th	Waste Week
9 th	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2.15pm
10 th	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2.15pm
11 th	Non-uniform day
11 th	Chestnut sharing assembly 9.15am
11 th	Friends of Emscote Infant School Easter Bingo 4.30pm
16 th	Easter Egg Tombola
17 th	Easter church service 9.15am
18 th	Sport Relief non-uniform and Bake Off
18 th	Last day of term

April

4 th	BACK TO SCHOOL
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May

20 th	School Disco 4.00pm
30 th – 3 rd June	Half term

June

6 th	Teacher training day
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July

22 nd	End of Term
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September

5 th	BACK TO SCHOOL
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