



## Emscote Infant School

Autumn Term 2016

### Newsletter no. 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce the winners of the Extreme Reading Challenge: Joseph R, Grace and Matilda. They will each be presented with a £10 book voucher.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

Mrs Madagan will be introducing the Poppy Appeal to the school in a special assembly on **Monday 7th November**. Poppies will be on sale in school from that day; children from Oak will take them around the classes selling them. After school, in Oak class, parents can buy: friendship bracelets £1, slap rulers £1, wristbands 50p, poppy reflectors 50p, and pencils 50p. We will hold a minute's silence in the playground at 11.00am on Friday 11th November.

#### **Cake Sales**

Delicious cakes will be on sale after school to help raise funds for our classes. The next sales are:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Sycamore, Maple and Oak

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Willow, Cherry and Chestnut

We ask parents from those classes to donate cakes (home-made or shop bought) and bring them in on the Wednesday or Thursday morning.

#### **Sharing Assemblies**

Sharing assemblies will take place at 9.15am on:

Oak – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Willow - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Chestnut – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Cherry – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Church Service – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Let's Go Disco**

The Friends of Emscote Infant School Autumn Disco for Emscote pupils takes place on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** between 4.00 – 5.30pm. Entry costs £3 (to include a drink and crisps) and is payable on the door. Children get hot, so please dress them appropriately and we encourage you to leave children and return for the last dance at 5.15pm.

#### **Vote For All Saints'**

All Saints' CofE Junior School has been shortlisted for an award from Tesco to re-develop an outdoor play area. Tesco's Bags of Help initiative supports projects in hundreds of regions across England and Wales using funds raised from the 5p shopping bag charge. There will be three awards made in our area - for £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000. The amount of funding received depends on the number of votes the project receives so please give us your support. You can vote in the Warwick store until **13<sup>th</sup> November**. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours and help All Saints' School secure the funding for a fantastic new play area.

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Operation Christmas Child is an initiative by the charity Samaritan's Purse that arranges for the transport of gift-filled and wrapped shoeboxes to children in many different parts of the world. The shoeboxes can contain toys, stationery and other special items. The children have had an assembly explaining this project and how they can contribute, and you will have received an explanatory leaflet in your child's bookbag. Please bring your filled boxes to school no later than **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. If you did not receive a leaflet please ask at the office for more information.

#### **Growth Mindset for parents**

Don't forget the Growth Mindset information evening for all parents at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. The Cbeebies website gives you a good introduction as to what the session will be about <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

### **Be Spotacular For Children in Need**

Go mad and come to school wearing something spotty on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and bring a donation for Children in Need.

### **After School Clubs**

The last after school clubs of the term will take place in the week commencing **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Choir Showcase**

The choir has a busy schedule in the run up to the Christmas. They are performing at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church in Warwick on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at 10.30am, at Charlecote Garden Store on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 2.00pm, and at Hatton Country World on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.00pm. They are also performing a small nativity tableau in the courtyard prior to the Carols at the Castle on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm. Do go along and support them if you can.

### **Christmas Fair Non-Uniform Day**

Children can come to school in their own clothes on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** in return for bringing a donation for the tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.

### **Friends of Emscote Infant School Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> between 5.00 – 7.00pm**. This is always a brilliant evening with lots of fun activities. The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help out at events like these; if you can help do get in touch with the friends on [emscotefriends@gmail.com](mailto:emscotefriends@gmail.com), or via the school office. Please bring in donations of cakes on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> December for the cake stall.

### **Christmas Concerts**

This year reception and year 1 will be performing a joint nativity play called 'Christmas Counts', while year 2 will be presenting a carol concert in the church.

#### ***Reception/Year 1 'Christmas Counts', in the school hall:***

Matinee 1.45pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - for extra family, grandparents and young siblings

Evening performance 5.00pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - for parents (no children please)

Evening performance 5.00pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - for parents (no children please)

Tickets will be issued on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the School Hall. There will be two tickets per child for evening performances initially. Please note that siblings at Emscote and All Saints' will see 'Christmas Counts' during school time. Evening performances are restricted to parents so that we comply with Fire Regulations regarding numbers in the hall.

#### ***Year 2 Carol Concert, in All Saints' Church:***

6pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – all welcome. No ticket required.

### **Christmas Lunch & Class Parties**

The children will be able to have a traditional festive **lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. **Class parties will take place in the afternoon of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** and children can come to school in their party clothes on that day. The school lunch will be party food instead of a hot meal.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Show your silly side and wear festive knits to school on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and bring a donation in support of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

### **Applications for Reception and Junior School**

Please note the deadline for applications to start school or move to junior school in September next year is **16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Applications can be made at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions) or by calling (01926) 414143.

### **School Book Club**

Book Club is now open to reception children. The club takes place on Fridays; children can bring in a small amount of money each week to save for a book of their choice. Please put the money in a named and labelled envelope or purse so the children do not confuse their book club money with their toast money. The club has some lovely Christmas books the children will be pleased to buy.

### Reading at Home

I take this opportunity to remind you again how important it is to read at home with your child; I would encourage you to look at books together at least three times a week. *Every child that reads three times a week receives a reading sticker.*

### Mathletics

Mathletics is a very useful and engaging online learning resource. The children can use it recreationally, and they may be set work by their teachers on a weekly basis. If you have any problems with the resource, or your child loses their login details, do ask at the school office.

### Espresso

You will have received a letter with log in details for a fantastic online learning resource called Espresso. If you have not seen the letter or mislaid it please ask for a copy at the office.

### Sharing Expertise in Europe

We are lucky to have been awarded funding through the Erasmus + programme, a European Commission initiative that encourages strategic partnerships between schools across Europe. These partnerships tackle particular issues related to schools education, such as teaching standards, entrepreneurship, citizenship, basic skills or linguistic skills, through collaboration and innovation. We will be undertaking a two-year project called Hooked On Healthy Living with partners in Spain, Italy, Lithuania, Greece, Latvia and Hungary, sharing experiences and exchanging practices. Mr Hussey and Mrs Garrett from All Saints' Junior School will be starting the project with a visit to Hungary, and look forward to returning with some new learning experiences.

### Attendance and Punctuality

You are reminded the school day starts at 8.55am when the bell is rung in the playground. The gates will then be locked at 9.00am so all parents should vacate the playground as soon as the children go in to their classrooms. Registers are marked promptly at the start of the school day. All children arriving after 9.00am must report to the school office where the registers can be marked accordingly; arrivals between 8.55 – 9.10am will be marked as “late before registers close”. The registers will close at 9.10am so a child arriving after this time will be marked as “late after registers close” which is an unauthorised absence. If your child needs to be absent at the beginning of the school day for reasons such as medical appointments please let the office know and the appropriate record can be made. Also please remember to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent due to ill health.

### Attendance October 2016

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Lates</b>
Willow	89.1%	4
Cherry	95.5%	6
Chestnut	98.2%	<b>0</b>
Apple	<b>98.5%</b>	11
Holly	94.9%	13
Maple	96.1%	7
Oak	96.4%	4
Sycamore	96.6%	6

Congratulations to Apple Class with 98.5% attendance, and to Chestnut Class with no late marks.

Yours sincerely,

*J Queralt*

Mr J Queralt  
Associate Headteacher

## Diary dates

### November

- 8<sup>th</sup> Oak sharing assembly 9.15am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sycamore, Maple & Oak Cake Sale, 3.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Willow sharing assembly 9.15am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' afternoon tea 2.15pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Friends of Emscote Infant School Disco 4.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Last day for shoebox donations
- 16<sup>th</sup> Growth Mindset information session 6.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Chestnut sharing assembly 9.15am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Wear something spotty for Children in Need
- 18<sup>th</sup> Years 1 & 2 to *James and the Giant Peach*
- 18<sup>th</sup> Grandparents' afternoon tea 2.15pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Willow, Cherry & Chestnut Cake Sale, 3.00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cherry sharing assembly 9.15am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Last week of afterschool clubs

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dress down day – bring a tombola prize
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friends of Emscote Infant School Christmas Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> Matinee performance of *Christmas Counts*, 1.45pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Evening performance of *Christmas Counts*, 5.00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Evening performance of *Christmas Counts*, 5.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 2 carol service, All Saints' Church 6.00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas church service 9.15am
- 16<sup>th</sup> Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> End of term

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Teacher training day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Spring term starts