



EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2016

Newsletter no. 2 – 7th October 2016

Dear parents,

Parents' Evenings

You are reminded parents' evenings are being held next week, on **Tuesday 11th October between 5.00pm – 7.30pm** and **Thursday 13th October between 3.15pm - 5.15pm**.

Sharing Assemblies

Sharing assemblies will take place at 9.15am on:

Apple - Friday 14th October

Holly - Friday 4th November

Oak – Tuesday 8th November

Willow - Friday 11th November

Chestnut – Thursday 17th November

Cherry – Friday 25th November

Siblings in Assembly

Younger siblings are always welcome to come with parents to assemblies; however, if they do become restless or noisy we would kindly ask you to take them out of the assembly so they do not disturb the other children and parents. You are welcome to take them into the staffroom to distract them.

Harvest Festival Assembly

Our harvest festival assembly is taking place in the church on **Thursday 20th October at 9.15am**. We are asking the children to bring a donation of tinned and dried harvest goods on that day, which will be given to Warwick and Leamington Foodbank, the Salvation Army's Way Ahead Project and Helping Hands. The three charities are co-ordinating their harvest collections to make sure your donations get to people and families that most need them in the local area this autumn. They are seeking specific items that they are short of: long life fruit juice, sugar (500g bags), coffee, tinned meat, instant mashed potato and sponge puddings. **Please do not donate:** pasta, baked beans, soup (tinned or dried) or tea.

Family Afternoon

Reception children will go home at **11.40am** on **Friday 21st October** and return at **2.00pm** for their family afternoon. Please bring along family, grandparents and friends; the children can show their family the classroom and you can meet the staff and have refreshments in the hall. Donations of cakes would be most welcome. Friends will be having a cake sale.

Have Your Say

You can have your say about local issues at the next Warwick Central Community Forum, taking place at 6.30pm on **Thursday 27th October** at Racing Club Warwick, Townsend Meadow, off Hampton Road, Warwick. One of the issues to be discussed is options for police community priorities; one of the six potential options is parking around the area's primary schools. There is an online voting system available before the forum which you can use to cast your vote for which priority you think policing should concentrate on. Visit www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/23606/Warwick-Central-Community-Forum-Policing-Priority-Vote---October-2016 to cast your vote. More information about the forum can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickforum.

Half Term

The half term holiday runs from Monday 24th October until Friday 28th October.

Teacher Training Day

The school will be closed on **Monday 31st October** for teacher training.

Triple P Parenting Course

There will be a positive parenting programme running at Aylesford Primary School, Tapping Way, Warwick, starting on **Tuesday 1st November**. The programme is designed to help parents who need help managing their child's behaviour. Sessions will run from 6.30 - 8.30pm, and you will need to attend every session: **Tuesday 1st November, Tuesday 8th November, Tuesday 15th November, Tuesday 22nd November and Tuesday 6th December**. For more information contact Niki Tolley on 07554 334210 or email her at tolley.n@welearn365.com, or contact Katie Sibley on 07771 389590 or by email at katiesibley@warwickshire.gov.uk

Fireworks Night

Emscote Infant School and All Saints' CofE Junior Schools are coming together to hold a joint fireworks night at All Saints' on **Thursday 3rd November**. The event opens at 5.30pm; it will be fun for all the family with the added bonus of hot food, snacks and drinks available. You should have received a flyer about booking tickets; if you haven't please ask for one at the office.

Grandparents' Afternoon Tea

Children will be able to invite their grandparents to join them for Afternoon Tea at Emscote on **Friday 11th November**. Look out for more information to follow.

Let's Go Disco

The Friends of Emscote Infant School Autumn Disco for Emscote pupils takes place on **Friday 11th November** between 4.00 – 5.30pm. Entry costs £3 (to include a drink and crisps) and is payable on the door. The children do tend to get hot at the disco so please dress them appropriately. You are encouraged to leave the children and to return for the last dance.

Growth Mindset for parents

Mr Queralt will be running an information evening regarding Growth Mindset for all parents, at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th November. The Cbeebies website gives you a good introduction as to what the session will be about at;

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

Eco Efforts

We are collecting used batteries again. Please can the children bring them in and put them in their class battery collection bottle which is in the library area. Any batteries that are larger than AA size can be brought to Sycamore class. Rewards will be given to the class, and the child, that brings in the most used batteries. Also we now have an "Eco suggestion box", so if the children have any ideas about how Eco can be improved in the school they can add their suggestions to the box, located in the hall. Finally, do encourage your children to walk or cycle to school. If you live too far away you could have a go at "Drive and Stride", which means driving most of the way and walking the remaining part. This will also have huge benefits for the traffic congestion around school too.

Properly using knife and fork

We encourage the children to use good table manners at lunch time, and we help them in their efforts to use cutlery properly. Please could you also do this at home.

Reading at Home

I would like to reiterate how vital it is that you read and complete homework at home with your child. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of looking at books together with your child at least three times a week. *Every child that reads three times a week will receive a reading sticker.*

September Attendance and Punctuality

Well done Chestnut class for a splendid percentage attendance in September and no recorded late arrivals, what a way to start the year. Let's see if we can all meet that sort of target in the coming months.

Class	Attendance	Lates
Willow	91.7%	4
Cherry	97.16%	3
Chestnut	99.2%	0
Apple	96.6%	7
Holly	95.9%	20
Maple	97.8%	11
Oak	93.7%	6
Sycamore	96.6%	14

You are reminded the school day starts at 8.55am when Mr Queralt rings the bell in the playground. *He always greets the children saying 'Good morning everyone' – please encourage the children to respond 'Good morning Mr Queralt'.*

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. You will receive a telephone call or a text message if your child is absent without notification.

Yours sincerely,

J Queralt

Jon Queralt
Associate Headteacher

Diary dates

October

- 11th Parents' evening 5.00 – 7.30pm
- 13th Parents' evening 3.15 – 5.00pm
- 14th Apple sharing assembly 9.15am
- 20th Harvest Festival church service 9.15am
- 21st Reception family afternoon 2.00pm
- 24th Half term
- 31st Teacher training day

November

- 3rd Fireworks night at All Saints' School
- 4th Holly sharing assembly 9.15am
- 8th Oak sharing assembly 9.15am
- 11th Willow sharing assembly 9.15am
- 11th Grandparents' afternoon tea 2.15pm
- 11th Friends of Emscote Infant School Disco 4.00pm
- 16th Growth Mindset information session 6.30pm
- 17th Chestnut sharing assembly 9.15am
- 18th Years 1 & 2 to *James and the Giant Peach*
- 25th Cherry sharing assembly 9.15am

December

- 2nd Friends of Emscote Infant School Christmas Fair
- 5th Christmas show for group 1 grandparents 9.30am, Christmas show for group 2 grandparents 10.30am
- 6th Christmas show for group 1 parents 6.00pm
- 8th Christmas show for group 2 parents 6.00pm
- 14th Year 2 carol service, All Saints' Church 6.00pm
- 15th Christmas church service 9.15am
- 16th End of term

January

- 3rd Teacher training day
- 4th Spring term starts