



EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2016

Newsletter no. 1 – 16th September 2016

Dear parents,

We say a big welcome to all the children who started at Emscote this term, to new reception teacher Miss Wright and to new teaching assistants Mrs Hudson and Mrs Downie.

Clubs

Clubs start next week, commencing **19th September**. Please remember there will be no Zumba, Arts & Crafts or Loom Band clubs on **Tuesday 11th October** and no Film club on **Thursday 13th October** due to parents' evenings.

Reading Meeting

New parents are invited to attend one of two reading meetings to be held on **Thursday 22nd September**. The meetings will be at **2.00pm and 6.00pm**, and will provide an opportunity for you to find out how we teach reading at school, and how you can support your children at home.

Sharing Assemblies

Sharing assemblies will take place at 9.15am on:

Sycamore – Thursday 29th September

Maple – Friday 7th October

Apple - Friday 14th October

Holly - Friday 4th November

Oak – Tuesday 8th November

Willow - Friday 11th November

Chestnut – Thursday 17th November

Cherry – Friday 25th November

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We are taking part in Macmillan Cancer Support's annual fundraiser on **Friday 30th September**. Please come along with friends and family between **9.00 – 10.00am** so we can raise as much money as possible for the cause. Donations of cakes to sell would be greatly appreciated; please deliver them to the office on the Thursday before. All Saints are also holding a coffee morning – please let the office know if you will be taking your children up there instead to join their sibling(s).

Quite an Impact

There will be Impact in Learning workshops for parents with children in years 1 and 2 the **week commencing 3rd October**. The workshop times are as follows:

Sycamore Monday 3rd October, 9.00 – 10.00am

Apple Monday 3rd October, 2.00 - 3.00pm

Maple Tuesday 4th October, 9.00 – 10.00am

Holly Tuesday 4th October, 2.00 – 3.00pm

Oak Wednesday 5th October, 9.00 – 10.00am

Look out for further details to follow.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 6th October** to take individual photographs. If you would like to have siblings (not at the school) photographed with your child please come in before school, at 8.30am, and wait in the hall. Remember the bell goes at **8.55am** and Emscote children must go to their classrooms to be entered on their registers then. They can return to the hall to have their pictures taken with their siblings if necessary. Siblings within school will have their photographs taken together during the normal school day. Please make sure the children come to school wearing the correct school sweatshirt or cardigan.

School Prayer

Anyone who is interested in praying for the life of the school is welcome to meet twice a term in the evening for prayer. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6th October** at 8.00pm. Please contact Suzanne Osborn (suzanne.osb@gmail.com) for further details.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 11th October between 5.00pm – 7.30pm** and **Thursday 13th October between 3.15pm - 5.15pm**. Lists will be up in the foyer from **Monday 26th September** for you to sign up for an appointment. If you are not able to sign up personally you are welcome to call and book an appointment through the office.

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.

James and the Giant Peach

The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, nationwide celebration of film and education for young people. Through the festival we have secured seats for a screening of *James and the Giant Peach* at 10.00am at Warwick Arts Centre. The animated film is based on the book by Roald Dahl; we are celebrating the life of the author, who was born this month 100 years ago, through our topic work in school. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Emscote Infant School we have been able to book coaches to take the children to the screening at Warwick Arts Centre at no expense to parents.

Reading at Home

We really want to work in partnership with you, and to this end it is vital that you read and complete homework at home with your child. Children who are supported at home make significantly more progress than those who are not. Make reading with your child part of your everyday routine; decide on a convenient time and place, at least three times a week, and enjoy looking at books together. I am looking forward to seeing some great progress and to awarding the reading trophy for outstanding effort!

Reading Challenge

Don't forget to send us your Extreme Reading Challenge photographs; judging will take place next week. Thank you for all the photographs we have received so far.

Congestion in the Playground

We are conscious that the playground can be quite congested at the beginning and end of the day. We would ask that when you have entered the playground please then move on down as far as possible and stand at the far edges of the playground. This would help keep the gates and slopes, and the entrances to the first two classrooms (Apple and Holly), free from obstruction. If it is busy when you are leaving the playground don't forget you can also exit using the double gates near the toadstools. It

would also be helpful if, wherever possible, you did not take pushchairs down the narrow path by the year 2 classrooms. I thank you for your patience and understanding. Please remember children are only to use the playground equipment during school hours. We are not insured for before and after school when the children are still parents' responsibility.

Talking to the Teacher

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher we would ask that you talk to them at the end of the day not at the start so that the children can settle as quickly as possible in the morning.

Parents Helping in School

We welcome help from any parents or carers; if you have any skills or talents that you would be happy to share with the school such as building, carpentry, gardening, sewing and music, or would be happy to listen to readers and generally help in the classrooms please let us know. Also each class needs one or two parent representatives, whose job it is to encourage parents to be involved in the classroom and help on trips, and to raise any issues on behalf of parents if they have any concerns; do make yourself known if you would be able to do this job.

Mathletics

Years 1 and 2 have been given their passcodes this week. If you have any difficulty logging on please come and see the office and we will help. Certificates will be given out on a Monday, for the previous week's work.

Medical Matters

Can I remind you that we have a pupil at the school who has a weakened immunity due to recent medical treatments. It is therefore particularly important at this time that you should inform the school whenever your child is unwell, and tell us what type of illness they have. We can then pass this information on to the child's parents so they can make a decision as to whether the pupil can attend school. You are reminded that if your child has sickness and diarrhoea that they should stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

J Queralt

Jon Queralt
Associate Headteacher

Diary dates

September

- 29th Sycamore sharing assembly
- 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am

October

- 3rd Sycamore Impact Workshop 9.00am
- 3rd Apple Impact Workshop 2.00pm
- 4th Maple Impact Workshop 9.00am
- 4th Holly Impact Workshop 2.00pm
- 5th Oak Impact Workshop 9.00am
- 6th Individual school photographs
- 7th Maple sharing assembly 9.15am
- 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
- 17th Chestnut sharing assembly 9.15am
- 18th Years 1 & 2 to *James and the Giant Peach*
- 18th Friends of Emscote Infant School Disco 4.00pm
- 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