



## EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL

[www.emscoteinfants.co.uk](http://www.emscoteinfants.co.uk)

Spring Term 2011

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all!

### Christmas Concert Collections

Thank you for your generous donations at the school Christmas concerts; we were able to send £330.01 to the Myton Hospice, which is fantastic total.

### Friends of Emscote Infant School

The Christmas Fair organised by the Friends was a wonderful occasion, and raised £800. Thank you all for your support. The next meeting of the Friends takes place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.**

### Admission Forms for School

Don't forget, if your child is due to start in reception or to move to junior school in September this year you must complete and return the appropriate admission forms to the Admissions Service by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. It is vital if you would like your child to attend Emscote that you put the school as your first choice.

### Clubs

All clubs will start the week beginning **16<sup>th</sup> January** and end the week beginning **19<sup>th</sup> March** (football will have one more session the following week). Please see the enclosed letter explaining availability.

### Parents Coffee Afternoon

Last term we held a coffee afternoon for parents to meet each other in the staffroom for a chat. This term the coffee afternoon will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm.**

### Sharing Assemblies

The sharing assemblies this term will be at 9.15am on the following Fridays:

**3<sup>rd</sup> February Sycamore**

**10<sup>th</sup> February Holly**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March Oak**

**9<sup>th</sup> March Chestnut**

**16<sup>th</sup> March Cherry**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March Willow**

### **Parents Evenings**

Please find time to attend parents meetings where we will discuss your child's progress and how they can be supported at home. This term they will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February between 4.00 - 7.30pm and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February between 3.00 - 5.30pm**

### **Impact in Learning**

Impact in Learning sessions will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** for Holly class and **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** for Sycamore. We ran some sessions very successfully last term. The Impact in Learning programme helps parents support their children at home, with particular reference to writing. Please look out for a separate letter about this. It is vital that **all children have an adult with them on the relevant day**. With parents involved and informed schools can help children improve by 30%.

### **Reading at home**

Please could you continue to support your child by reading with them at home. I know it can sometimes be difficult to find time to read with your child, but it is very rewarding having this special time together, and your input can really support your child and their progress in all areas.

### **Parents Helping in School**

We are always looking for parents to help in school. If you can spare an hour a week class teachers would greatly appreciate it; just make yourself known to your child's teacher. All helpers need to undergo a CRB check. Disclosure application forms can be

### **Smoking**

Please, please could you remember to smoke away from the school site. Not only is it illegal to smoke on the school grounds, but also smoking does affect other parents and families, and is against the message of healthy lifestyles that the school portrays. I would really like to reduce the smoking that takes place just outside the school site and if you can refrain from smoking until you have left the area it would be much appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Dropping off and collecting**

Please do not park in the service lane outside the school. This is for emergency vehicles that must have clear access at all times. Parking in this area puts the children in danger when they are coming to and leaving school. And do try If you can walk to school this would reduce the congestion.

### **Dinner Money**

You are reminded that school meals cost £1.85 each and should be paid for in advance, on the Monday of the week the meals are required wherever possible. You can pay for several

weeks in advance. Please make cheques payable to Warwickshire County Council. Place the money in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name and class and the number of meals required.

### **In Case of Bad Weather**

Don't forget you can sign up to receive text and email alerts if the school has to close due to bad weather at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures). Announcements will also be made on local radio stations. And ensure we have current mobile numbers as we will additionally use the school's texting system if we have to close suddenly. The information will also be on the school website.

### **Nestle Box Tops For Books**

We are collecting tokens from on the top of special packs of Nestle cereals, please bring them into school and then we can exchange them for educational books from Dorling Kindersley. The promotion is running until **31<sup>st</sup> March**; see [www.boxtops4education.co.uk](http://www.boxtops4education.co.uk) for more information.

### **Attendance December 2011**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Lates</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Lates</b>
Willow	94.4%	5	Chestnut	94.8%	15
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	8	Holly	93.5%	4
<b>Oak</b>	95.5%	<b>2</b>	Sycamore	96.4%	13

Congratulations go to Cherry class for the highest percentage attendance in December, and to Oak for least number of lates last month. Well done.

Yours sincerely,

Debi Cossins  
Headteacher

# Diary

## **January**

16th Clubs start

16th Meeting of Friends of Emscote Infant School 7.30pm

28th Oak sharing assembly

## **February**

3rd Sycamore sharing assembly

7<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

9<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

10th Holly sharing assembly

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Half term

21<sup>st</sup> Impact in Learning - Holly

22<sup>nd</sup> Impact in Learning - Sycamore

## **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Oak sharing assembly

9<sup>th</sup> Chestnut sharing assembly

16<sup>th</sup> Cherry sharing assembly

19<sup>th</sup> Last week for clubs (except African Drumming and Football)

23<sup>rd</sup> Willow sharing assembly

26<sup>th</sup> Last week for African Drumming and Football clubs

30<sup>th</sup> End of Term

## **April**

16<sup>th</sup> Summer term begins

## **May**

7<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

## **June**

1<sup>st</sup> Teacher Training Day

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Half Term

## **July**

20<sup>th</sup> End of Term