



EMERSONS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

4th September 2009

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you have all had a good summer break. Welcome to our new Yr. 3 class teacher, Miss Jessica Carew and four new pupils, Cieran, Mia, Oliver and Jaymi. Our new Reception class will be joining us on Monday 7th September.

Welcome to our new staff babies! Mrs. Sandiford has had a baby boy, Zac. Miss Lane a girl, Evie and Mrs. Bettridge-Evans has also had a girl, Mia. All mums and dads are doing well and we look forward to meeting all the new babies.

It was lovely to see all the children back looking purposeful and tidy in their school uniforms. We have had a great start to the term and are feeling very positive about a fantastic 2009 – 2010.

Although it is our plan to eventually email a copy of the newsletter to a large majority of parents, we have not yet input all the addresses, so therefore, please either check the web site at www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk or collect a copy from the front foyer. Until we have the system up to date we will continue to send a copy home with your child. Every child should be bringing home a copy tonight along with several other leaflets and a copy of our Diary Dates for 2009 – 2010.

Meet The Teachers

We would just like to draw your attention to a new initiative that has been suggested by a parent (on a RICK form) giving parents an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet your child's class teacher. We have allocated different nights to each year group to ensure that parents who have more than one child have the opportunity to meet all the relevant teachers, classrooms will be open from 3.30 – 4.00pm on the following days:- Monday Yr.5 & 6, Wednesday Yr2, Thursday Yr.3 and 4. Reception and Yr.1 have already met their teachers.

School Meals

Dinner money is now £1.60 per day - £8.00 per week. The Catering Department deal with the dinner money, so please send your money in on a Monday morning to the class teacher, in a sealed envelope. Please make cheques payable to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). If you have any queries regarding dinners, Vicky, our school cook, is usually available so just go and have a chat with her. Vicky deals with all the money relating to dinners and it is extremely helpful for her if dinner orders are made and paid for on a Monday morning. Thanks. Please remind your child that they must remember to hand in their dinner money.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons commence on Wednesday 9th September for Yr.4 and Yr.6. Children leave school just after 9.00am. Separate letters have been sent home with the timetable for Yrs.3 – 6.

After School Clubs

Separate letters have gone home with this Newsletter. Please reply as quickly as possible as clubs do fill up very quickly.

Chess Club

Chess Club commences on 16th September. The club is currently full.

Shoe Collection

A reminder that we are collecting shoes for Africa. All pairs of shoes that still have some wear left in them can be left in the office – we are hoping to have an official collection box soon.

Missing School Library Books

We have 53 school books not returned from the last school year. The table is as follows:

Red - 18	Yr.1 - 6	Yr.2 - 5	Yr.3 - 6
Yr.4 - 6	Yr.5 - 4	Yr.6 - 8	

Please could you have a good hunt around at home – all school books are stamped with our name inside the front cover. Any books returned will really be appreciated as this overall loss is extremely costly. Thank you.

Individual Reading Books

The whole reading system in school has been re-organised. All children will be issued with a new reading book next week.

Reception Class children – September 2010 and Secondary School Yr.6 children July 2010

If you have a child born between 01.09.05 – 31.08.06 they must be registered for school to start in September 2010. The information packs will be sent home during the next week – either with siblings or hopefully hand delivered by volunteers (anyone willing please call to the office!) Applications for places need to be made on the form in the book and sent directly to South Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Service. Please do not return them to school.

During next week Yr.6 will be bringing home a Secondary Transfer book. The Yr.7 Admission Form is in the back of the book. These have to be returned directly to South Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Service. Please do not send them back to school. We will not follow this up so it is your responsibility to make sure these forms are returned to the Authority by the stated date. If you are hoping to choose an Independent School, CTC, St. Mary Redcliffe or a school that is not in the local catchment area, it is still necessary for you to complete the form requesting a place at a local school. This will cover you if your application to an alternative school is not successful.
