



**Emersons Green Primary School**  
**NEWSLETTER NO. 10 - 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2009**

**Wake and Shake**

We understand that a few parents have concerns regarding 'Wake and Shake' on a Friday morning. We have a Wake and Shake session between 8.40 and 8.50am as parents arrive at school with children. Please feel free to stay and watch and even join in if you would like to. Adults are on the doors as usual and we keep an eye on where the children are on the playground. Yr 6 act as buddies to the youngest children and we have spoken to them about making sure the youngsters stay with them. It's a great start to the day and it makes us all feel much more positive about the day ahead. Our thanks to Mrs. Brindley who leads the sessions.

**Morfa Bay - Yr. 6 children**

Please return your reply slip and deposit as soon as possible as we have to inform Morfa Bay of our final numbers.

**Return Slips/Forms**

Individually named green forms have been sent home this week. Please could you return these as quickly as possible. We also are waiting to see 39 birth certificates. Your help with these administration matters is really appreciated.

**Arts Day - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Children should have wellies or suitable footwear for outside, as activities are based around the use of outdoor areas.

**Shoe Boxes**

Every child is bringing home the information relating to our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. This appeal is so wonderfully supported by you and we know the children enjoy the family involvement of preparing a box that will go to very needy children in Romania. The information pack explains everything you need to know. Spare copies of forms are available from the office.

**Emailing of Newsletter**

We are gradually inputting parent's email addresses, so you may receive a copy of the newsletter by email as well as this copy. Please bear with us whilst we are trying to transfer over to electronic communication. It will be difficult to email some attachments so we do suggest that you continue to check your child's school bag. Most letters are sent home on a Friday, but occasionally we do send them out during the week. The nNewsletter is always available from our web page, [www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk) we have had difficulty with our email system which might mean that you will not be receiving an email copy this week.

Westonbirt Arboretum Tickets will be sent home as soon as possible.

## PTFA

### Coffee Mornings:

We're still looking for ideas/help for coffee mornings - please let us know if you can help in any way. We'd love to keep these mornings running as they have proved very successful in the past. Please email Vic ([victoriaburchill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:victoriaburchill@yahoo.co.uk)) or Julia ([getjules@woodfortrees.net](mailto:getjules@woodfortrees.net)) with any comments, ideas, suggestions or offers of help. Thank you!

### Christmas Fair Donations:

Many thanks for all the many donations we've received from parents - you've all been incredibly generous. We'll keep the donation boxes in the foyer for a while longer in case there are any further last minute additions!

### Christmas Fair - 4th December

Thanks again for all the many offers of help - we've been so pleased at the response, it's been amazing! We're now into the nitty gritty of ordering stock, packing parcels and finalising all the many details that will hopefully make the evening a fun & festive family Christmassy evening. As always, if you think you can help, either before, during or after the event, please let us know. Each child will receive a full program the week before the Fair (along with a few freebies to tempt you all in!). Please feel free to invite other people along to the evening - family, friends, distant relatives and neighbours are all very welcome!

### PTFA Meeting

The next meeting is next Monday 16th November, 7pm at the school. As you're no doubt aware, all parents automatically become part of the PTFA when your children attend the school so the meetings really are open to everyone. Please come along to add your ideas, suggestions and share a glass or two of wine with some of the other parents.

### School Grants

As you might already know, the PTFA gives each class the chance to bid for a £150 grant. This opportunity is given in November and February every year. The PTFA discussed this with the school council a couple of weeks ago and the council have taken the details to each of their classrooms to decide what they want to bid for. They can make a bid for anything - toys, play items (eg dressing up clothes), books etc. Depending on what is submitted, up to three classes at any one time can win the school grant. The deadline for

**bids this time around is Monday (16th) and the classes will find out who has won at the celebratory assembly on 23rd November. Good luck everyone!!**

**Father Christmas's Grotto - Reply Slip**

We need to let Father Christmas know how many presents to bring with him to the School Christmas Fair on 4th December. We'd be grateful if you could indicate how many children and their ages you may wish to bring.

(Santa's little helper will have some spare presents for any extra girls and boys on the night!)

Number of children (who have been good all year)

child 1	boy / girl	age
child 2	boy / girl	age
child 3	boy / girl	age
child 4	boy / girl	age

Entrance to the grotto will be £2.50 per child (to be paid on the night)

Please return all responses to school **FAO PTFA** by **20th November**