



**Emersons Green Primary School**  
**NEWSLETTER NO. 14 - 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009**

**Staffing News**

Mrs. Jessica James will shortly be starting her Maternity Leave. She is hoping to make it until the end of this term!

Mrs. Leanne Bishop will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs. Bishop has worked in our Resource Base for 6 years and will be missed by the staff and children. We wish her good luck with her career move as she starts advisory work for the Sensory Support Team in Bristol. We are currently interviewing for a replacement Teaching Assistant and will inform you when an appointment has been made.

**Emersons Green Primary School Choir**

If you were at the fair on Friday night you will know how absolutely fantastic our school choir are - and to top it all they won the School Choir competition at Cleve Rugby Club on Sunday. They have won a huge trophy which will be displayed in the foyer. They will also be performing at Carols Around The Christmas Tree on Tuesday evening.

**Christmas Cards and Letters to School (i.e. football/athletics etc)**

When sending cards or money for clubs or reply slips into school, please could you be kind enough to mark the class on the outside of the envelope - we do spend a lot of time 'finding' children!

**Dates for Christmas**



Date	Day	Time	Where	What	
	14	Monday	2.00pm	Hall	R Christmas Party
			3.30 - 4.45	Hall	Y1,2,3 Christmas Disco
			5.00 - 6.15	Hall	Y4,5,6 Christmas Disco
	15	Tuesday	9.15 am	Hall	Y4,5,6 Christmas Assembly
			6.00pm	Hall	Carols Around the Christmas Tree
	16	Wednesday	12.00	Hall	Christmas Dinner
17	Thursday	Pm	Classrooms	Christmas video treat	
18	Friday			No uniform PTFA trees and decs down Last day of term	
January	4	Monday		First day of term 3	

### **Dance Club**

Dance Club has now finished for this term and will start again on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### **Absence/sickness**

Thank you! We have received calls from parents before 9.30am. daily. This has helped us enormously as our class registration is now computerised. Please remember to phone every day your child is absent from school unless you can predict how many days in advance. This way we can be assured that your child is safe.

### **Uniform Sale**

Please place an order in the normal way. Items have been slightly reduced so do not pay in advance, we will sort this with you once the order is completed. We have sent some orders home this week and there are some payments due - please send in your money as soon as possible. Please see Donna Lewis or Karen Leach if you have any uniform queries.

### **Play Rangers**

We still have about 6 places left for Play Rangers next term. Please complete the reply slip if you would like your child to join - it really is great fun!

### **Coffee Morning - for parents who have an interest in SEN**

The first coffee morning held in October was very successful. The next one is planned for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 (after the KS2 Christmas Assembly). This is an opportunity to discuss school's Disability Equality Scheme but mainly a chance for parents to meet each other and chat about common concerns and interests.

### **Birth Certificates**

Unfortunately, we have not received any birth certificates this week - therefore we need to send individual notes home once again. Please help us by bringing them in for recording on the electronic system. Thanks for your help. 31 outstanding at present!

### **Harmonica Lessons**

There are still some spaces left for Harmonica lessons for next term. Please collect a form from the foyer if you would like your child to join. (A surprise Christmas present, perhaps!)

### **Mangotsfield After School Club**

There are still some spaces left for Breakfast and After School Club. They meet here now, which is really convenient. If you would like more details please ring Kate Cole 07872622942 or Tina Williams on 07964244063.

### **PTFA NEWS**

#### **Christmas Fair**

Wow, what a great attendance! Thank you to everyone who turned up to the Christmas Fair, despite the awful weather. I know some of you had to queue for some time to get in and we will organise things differently next year so there's not such a long wait but the numbers through the door surprised us a bit! Massive thanks need to go to all those who helped out and supported before, during and after the evening. It was fantastic to see so many people getting involved, including parents, staff, teachers and children. We hope you enjoyed it. We haven't finished counting up yet but early indications are that the Fair has been a great fundraiser - as soon as we have a final total we will publish it in the newsletter and on the notice board. We have had loads of really positive feedback from everyone and we are really keen to take on board everyone's comments for next year's event - if you have any feedback (good or not so good!) we'd really love to hear it. There's a comments box in the foyer for you to feedback anonymously or you can email Jules or Vic ([getjules@woodfortrees.net](mailto:getjules@woodfortrees.net) / [victoriaburchill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:victoriaburchill@yahoo.co.uk)).

Thanks again from the PTFA - we really do appreciate all the help and support we received for this event!

**Carols Around the Tree - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

Tickets are available for this lovely evening from the PTFA by the playground gate or the office. £1.50 for adults and 50p for children. 6pm start - mince pies, mulled wine and carols! The choir will be singing during the break. Winners of the Grand Draw prizes will be announced during the evening - please remember to return all monies and unsold tickets. If you require more tickets these are available from the office. Please remember to bring a torch.

**Wrapping Paper**

Christmas wrapping paper featuring designs by all pupils is available for sale - prices are displayed on the notice board in the foyer

**Chess club**

All parents are cordially invited to a fun chess session on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm - 4.30pm. The chess club children will be seated in a circle facing their boards and the parents will walk around the circumference and make their move. You do not have to be a chess wizard - you only need to know the basic rules of chess. Token prizes will be given to winning children only (not adults!). Please reply on the tear off slip below if you can attend. Please note that your child does not have to be part of chess club - if you know the basic rules of chess and can spare an hour to play, please come along.

**Coffee Mornings**

These have now moved to Friday 8.45 - 10am in the Hall. All welcome, mums, dads, grandparents, and childminders. Tea, coffee, toast and squash available.

**Notice board**

Please keep a check on the PTFA notice board in the entrance foyer - there will be details of current events and forthcoming plans for next year!

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YES I would like to attend the fun Chess session on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Outdoor After School Club - Play Rangers**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to attend Play Rangers Outdoor After School Club

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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