



Emersons Green Primary School
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Football Festival

Well done to the Year 4 football team who came 2nd in the Primary School's Football Festival last week. They did not concede a goal!

Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday falls during half term this year, therefore Vicky McNally (our cook) will be making pancakes for the children at lunchtime on Monday. If your child would like to have a school meal with pancakes as a pudding, the cost is £1.60. Enjoy!!

Outdoor Classroom

The children are itching to use the outdoor classroom and we are happy to say that the musical instruments have now arrived and are due to be installed today. Unfortunately the weather conditions continue to be a problem for the clay path but we hope that the children will be able to use it next week.

Electronic Communication

As you are aware, in order to help reduce our carbon footprint we are planning to move to electronic distribution of the newsletter. We have had some initial problems setting this up, but these have now been sorted out. In order to test the system, we will be emailing this newsletter to parents today. If you do not receive an emailed version and would like to, please contact the office with your email address so that we can add you to our records. After this week, parents who require a paper copy will need to inform the office so that a copy can be sent home with your child. The newsletter will also be displayed in the front window and will be published on our school website.

Box Top Vouchers

We need to bank our vouchers by 31 March 2010 so if you have been collecting them for the school, would you please bring them in asap. Many thanks.

Some Reminders

Please can you not use the school car park to drop off or pick up children at the beginning and end of the school day including picking up from after school clubs. Transport for our disabled children must have access.

Home Access: ICT resources for families from Years 3 to 9. Eligible families will be able to start applying this month. Additional information can be found at <http://www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk/Home-Access>. If you are interested in this offer please let us know and we will keep you informed as and when we get more information.

Coffee Mornings

Just a reminder that the next coffee morning for parents with an interest in Special Educational Needs will be on Friday 12 February at 9.30 am. The meeting will be held in the Rainbow Room. Helen Pocock, South Gloucestershires Planning & Development Officer (Disabled Children) will be attending.

Battery recycling point

Britain has to increase battery recycling from the current level of 2.8% to over 25% by 2012 and at Emersons Green we would like to do our bit to help. We have a convenient collection point in school for your used domestic batteries. The batteries will be collected and sent to a site in Belgium where the company REVATECH S.A. recycles them. Next time you are about to throw them in the bin, STOP!... and instead bring them in to school and leave them in the box in the foyer.

PTFA News

New School Uniform Supplier

As a school we are always looking at ways to improve facilities to our children and parents and with this in mind we have re-assessed our school uniform policy. Schoolwear For Less who will be the new supplier of our school uniform is providing an online system for parents, which can be accessed via the school website. This service is available from 1 February and further details are being sent home with the children today.

Invitation Books

Each family will have received an Invitation Book to look through this week - the 2010 Book has savings and discounts on days out, eating out, shopping and more, together with a VIP card for discounts at your favourite stores.

Please have a look through and if you decide to keep your copy, simply return a cheque to school in the clear plastic wallet for £22.99 made payable to 'Emersons Green Primary School PTFA' by **Wednesday 10 February**. Once you have purchased your book you will need to activate it to use the restaurant offers, to do this go on line at: www.invitationbook.co.uk/activate.

Buying this book will help us raise funds for the school as we receive at least £4 commission for each book sold. If you decide not to purchase your copy please return it to school by Wednesday 10 February. Please return it in pristine condition in the original envelope so we can offer it to someone else. We have to pay for any unreturned, unpaid for books so please help us by getting payments or returns in on time. Many thanks.