



**Emersons Green Primary School**  
**NEWSLETTER NO. 21 - 12 February 2010**

**End of Term 3**

Term 3 finishes today and we commence Term 4 on Tuesday 23 February. Monday 22 February is an In-Service Training Day. We hope you enjoy the holiday break.

**Electronic Communication**

Last week was our first attempt at sending the newsletter out electronically. Some were undelivered and we have (hopefully) rectified those where email addresses were entered incorrectly, but if you think we do not have your latest email address or if you did not receive a newsletter last week please let the office know. The newsletter will continue to be displayed in the front window and will be published on our school website.

**Girlguiding UK's Centenary**

From September 2009 to October 2010, Girlguiding UK is celebrating its centenary. Monday 22 February is a special date for guiding members as it is World Thinking Day, an annual event where members around the world celebrate guiding and its impact on girls and young women. This year's World Thinking Day falls on a school day, the first day back to school after February half term. They would like as many members as possible to wear their uniform to school on that day. However, school is closed for an In-Service Training Day on 22 February so we would like to hold it on Tuesday 23 February instead.

**Dinner Money**

Please remember to send in your dinner money on a Monday. Cheques to be made payable to South Gloucestershire Council. Dinners are £1.60 per day or £8.00 per week. If you would like to pay for Term 4 in advance this will be £44.80. Any refunds will be made at the end of the term.

**Chatter Matters**

BT Openreach sponsors a DVD called Chatter Matters which explains how you can give children a great start in life by helping them grow into good communicators. The trick is to use everyday activities - from changing nappies and family mealtimes to shopping and getting ready for bed - as opportunities for playing and talking together. Presented by Dr Tanya Byron (House of Tiny Tearaways, Little Angels) the DVD offers dozens of brilliant ideas to help you develop your child's speaking and listening skills throughout their pre-school years.

The pack also comes with a series of colourful mini-posters that help you to check the progress of your child's communication development. Produced by I CAN, the children's communication charity and sponsored by Openreach, a BT Group business. Families may order **one copy free** - (small charge for postage £1.32) by logging onto [www.btbetterworld.com](http://www.btbetterworld.com) and searching 'free resources' & then Chatter Matters.

### **Missing PE Kit**

Liam from Year 6 has mislaid his PE Kit - it was definitely left in school, somewhere. He has looked everywhere without success. Missing are two pairs of trainers, shorts and a PE top all in a school kit bag. All items are labelled. Would you please check at home to ensure that you child has not picked up the wrong items by mistake. Many thanks.

### **Netball**

Please note that Year 5 netball will now be on a Thursday after half term. Year 6 will continue as normal on a Wednesday.

### **Reminders**

We had a near miss this week when a Reception child was knocked by another child leaving school on his bike. Please make sure your child (school age and preschool) dismounts their bike or scooter at the school gates and does not ride on the premises. We have a number of vulnerable children and because of challenges with sight or mobility cannot respond quickly to move out of the way. Thank you.

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.

### **PTFA News**

#### **Invitation Books**

A reminder to anyone who has not yet returned their Invitation Book; you need to return either full payment or the book to us as soon as possible - strict timescales are imposed on us by the people who run the scheme. Individual reminders will be going out to anyone who has not returned either payment or book.

#### **A date for your diaries**

BINGO!! Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> - After last year's successful evening we thought we would do it again - tickets will be on sale shortly after half term. This is a fun evening for the whole family to enjoy with prizes, nibbles and drinks

#### **PTFA Newsletter**

You should receive a PTFA newsletter in book bags or via email today - this gives you details of events, news, fundraising and dates for your diary. We hope you find it an informative read - let us know if you have any feedback.

Have a great half term!