



Emersons Green Primary School
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E Safety

We have had a note from a concerned parent about internet safety. Despite the lessons children have in school the parent believes that over half our Y5 and 6 children are going on to sites such as Facebook using a fake age as participants have to be 13 or over to have an account.

We have a very detailed e -safety programme in school which all children and staff follow every year. We advise children that they should only use sites appropriate to their age group. We also teach them to use any sites they do visit safely and not to divulge personal information. We also have links to [Safeguarding Children in a Digital World](#) : Strategic approach to e-Safety [Signposts to Safety](#) : e-safety at Key Stages 1-2 on our web site. Children and staff cannot access social network sites such as Facebook/ /MSN at school. We are connected to The South West Grid for Learning which filters all information coming in and out of school.

However we do not go home with your children and cannot police what they are doing at home. We can only urge you as parents and carers to ensure you know what your children are doing on the internet and to emphasis safety when they are using it. We are currently updating our policy and we will post it on our web site as soon as it has been approved by governors. If you have any questions or would like further information please do not hesitate to get in touch

Wheelsathon

So far we have banked £353.00. Please send in your sponsor money as soon as possible and we will keep you informed of the amount raised. Half of the money raised will go to school and the other half will be donated to the NSPCC, in memory of Suni Norman, as this was her charity.

Sports week

What a lovely day we had for Sports Day. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we would like to thank the staff and all the parent helpers who helped to make the day go so smoothly. The Red Team, OAK, came first with a total of 936 points. Second were Yellow, ASH, with 886, third were Blue, WILLOW with 855 and fourth were Green, HAZEL with 844 points. Well done to everyone for taking part.

After School Football Club

The After School club football will be held on Monday 21st June instead of Wednesday 23rd June as England will be playing a match on the Wednesday and it is early kick-off!

KS2 Performance-Y4, 5, 6

The dates for the performance of Cinderella and Rockerfella have now been confirmed:

Wednesday 14th July – 2.00pm

Thursday 15th July – 7.00pm

The children need to be in school for the performances. If, for any reason, they will not be in school, please let their teacher know as soon as possible.

Play

We are stocking our new shed on the playground with 'junk' for the children to play creatively at break times. We are still in need of old tyres, crates (e.g. milk, bread), old sheets, duvet covers, blankets (great for den making), old clothes horses, carpet tubes, steering wheels - anything you think a child will play with. All donations greatly received.

Music Assembly

Next Wednesday, 23rd June, some of our musicians will be performing in assembly – Yr.3 and Yr. 4 recorders and our new violinists. Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and hear how fantastic they are. Assembly starts at 2.45pm.

School Dinners – Price increase

The cost of a school dinner will go up by 5p from 1st September 2010. The cost will be £1.65 per day - £8.25 per week. Unfortunately, Vicky and Marie, our school cooks are both on sick leave. The school kitchen has been covered by temporary staff, so please make sure to send money in on time, in an envelope with your child's full name and class printed clearly. This will help the staff.

Collecting

We have now finished collecting Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers. We are still collecting plastic milk bottle tops, old batteries, mobile phones and computer ink cartridges. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr and Mrs. Thatcher, parents of Will Thatcher in Yr. 2 for counting all our coupons this year. We have had over 38,000 to count!

Chess Club

Mr Patrick Birch, who runs chess club, is celebrating his 70th Birthday at the weekend! We all wish him a very Happy Birthday and would like to take this opportunity to thank Patrick for his commitment to the children of Emersons Green. He gives his time freely, regularly giving up Saturdays for Tournaments, etc, and he has been with us for over 9 years now – what an achievement! Happy Birthday Patrick!

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

We have also reserved tickets for **The Sound of Music** at the Hippodrome on Wednesday 17th November 2010. Connie will be in this performance. Tickets are £35.50 each. Payment for these will have to be made to school by Friday 2nd July. Please complete the reply slip at the bottom of this Newsletter. We thought the Sound of Music would be a nice Christmas Treat as we will not be booking the Pantomime this year.

PTFA NEWS

Mangotsfield Festival

What a beautiful day! Many thanks to all our helpers and all who visited the stall - we actually ran out of face paint and hairspray in the end and the tombolas & England footie goodies went down very well too. After counting up the festival takings and after costs we are in profit by approx £500.00.

Cowboys and Indians

Our next event is on **Friday 9th July** 5.30 – 8.30pm. Dust off your cowboy boots and come and have some fun at The Emersons Green Corral. There will be Line Dancing, a BBQ, gold panning, tin can alley, hair braiding, Wanted Poster game (featuring our very own bandit and gringo teachers!) a Fancy Dress competition and more. Saloon doors open at 5.30pm – no spitting, no swearing and leave your guns at the door! Let us know if you can spare an hour to help out on a stall, the bar or even the line dancing. Yee-hah!

Sports Day Cafe

Tea, coffee, cold drinks and some lovely cakes were on sale for Sports Day - this generated another £80 to go towards our fundraising pot this year which is great news.

Appeal

Do you have any unwanted presents? Smellies? Party Bag leftovers? We are always grateful to receive any good quality items that we can use in raffles and tombolas throughout the year. We are especially looking out for items for our bottle tombola at the Wild West event – do you have any bottles that you can donate – shampoo, wine, beer – anything that comes in a bottle! If you have anything that is suitable for this purpose please consider donating it to PTFA to help raise funds for school. There is a donation drop box in the foyer if you think that you can help us.

Do you own or work for a local business?

We are giving local businesses the opportunity to sponsor an activity at our Wild West event (details above). There will be a program and space on each stall for details of your business to be displayed. Please contact Vic or Jules (email addresses above) for further details before June 25th if you would like to reserve a space for your advert.

REPLY SLIP – SOUND OF MUSIC

I would like to reserve _____ adult and _____ children tickets for the Sound of Music on Wednesday 17th November 2010. Tickets are £35.50 each. Payment does not have to be made yet – a reminder will be sent later – but it is due in to school by Friday 2nd July.

NAME OF CHILD: _____ CLASS: _____ SIGNED: _____