



Emersons Green Primary School
NEWSLETTER NO. 8 - 23rd October 2009

End of Term 1

Term 1 finishes today and we commence Term 2 on Wednesday 4th November. The 2nd and 3rd November will be In-Service Training Days. We hope you enjoy the holiday break.

Green Contact Forms

We have now sent Green Forms home to every child in school. We need 100% returned. Please return yours as quickly as possible to save us sending reminders.

Harvest Festival

What a lovely event, we were so pleased to see so many parents and grandparents. The overwhelming amount of harvest gifts was truly amazing. Thank you all for your marvellous generosity. We hope you enjoyed the time spent with your children baking, pickling or shopping. Our thanks to our staff and our Gardening Club for their Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin Competition and for making a staff lunch of school-grown pumpkin soup and homemade crusty bread which the staff enjoyed, raising an extra £35.00 towards the total of **£275.00!** The money raised will be sent to South Africa to support our chosen charity CASE.

Car Parking

We now have to request that parents do not use the car park for After School Clubs. Children from our Resource Base are now attending clubs and parents had great difficulty parking this week. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Emersons Green Key Tags

All reception class children and new children to the school are given a key ring with the name and number of the school on. These have proved to be very useful to staff and parents. If you should need to phone school in an emergency the phone number will be on your key ring and if you should unfortunately lose your keys, the Police will telephone us and we can help to re-home them! Extra key rings can be purchased from the office for £1.00.

Walk to school week - 9th November

The school will be taking part in the forthcoming Walk to School Week in November. For a whole week, children all around the country will be walking to school to help cut pollution on the school-run.

We can all play an important role in supporting Walk to School Week, and we are delighted to support this initiative. Clearly, the distance children need to travel to school can affect their ability to take part, but there are ways for everyone to be involved. For example, if you drive your child or children to school, why not try parking further away from the school and walking the last half mile or so? Simple ideas such as this can help cut school-gate congestion whilst improving the health of your child and yourself.

Walking to school is a great time to encourage children to think about common sense ways to deal with difficulties and stay safe. Parents and carers who walk with younger children might use it as an opportunity to think about things like:

- Choosing the safest place to cross the road;
- Thinking about hazards and dangers, such as driveways and parked cars;
- Watching other people crossing the road and talking about unsafe behaviour;
- Choosing well-used routes and avoiding out-of-view short-cuts.

We want our children to be safe, confident and independent, and walking to school is a healthy and environmentally friendly way to learn many invaluable life skills. I hope that you can - in some way - take part in Walk to School Week this November.

Harmonica Lessons

We have 7 vacancies for Harmonica Lessons. If you would like your child to be considered please contact Mr. Ben Hewlett on 0117 9083838 or check out www.HarmonicaWorld.net or email Ben at ben@HarmonicaWorld.net.

After School Clubs

Please find attached a new timetable for After School Clubs for Term 2. Please try to remember to send your child prepared for After School Clubs. Please note that all clubs will run regardless of the weather. If we are unable to run a club we will make contact with you. Please continue to check the Time Table to see if your club is still running as clubs finish on different dates due to Christmas, etc.

Temporary Cleaner

We are fortunate to employ our own school cleaners, but they do need to take holidays! We need to cover any occasional absences and if you would be interested in the post please contact Mrs Isaac for more information. It is generally 2 hours a day, but this is always during out of school hours.

Help for Stanbridge Primary School

Stanbridge Primary School are collecting the Cash for Schools tokens printed in the Evening Post Newspaper from 14th - 27th October. Please save all your tokens and give them to Mrs. Lockyer who will forward them on to Stanbridge.

Christmas Magical Evening Event

We have booked tickets for 'The Enchanted Christmas'. This is a lovely evening event for all the family. Take an evening stroll through the magic of the Enchanted Wood at Westonbirt Arboretum. There will be carol singers, mince pies, roast chestnuts, mulled wine and if we are lucky a special visit from Father Christmas! The tickets will be valid from November 27 - 20th December. The events take place every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening during this period. The trail opens at 5.00pm and the last entry into the car park is 7.15pm. The Arboretum will be lit up and it really is a truly magical evening. We are very lucky to get discounted tickets and you can choose the date you wish to go to suit yourself and your family and friends. Tickets need to be ordered on the reply slip below and must be returned to the office by Wednesday 11th November. Adult tickets are £5.50 (normally £8.00) OAP's £4.50 (normally £7.00) and children aged 5 - 18yrs £2.00 (normally £4.00). Under 5's are free. All family and friends are welcome - but unfortunately dogs are not allowed to this event. (We have been told that ticket entry is a lot quicker.)

Halloween

The community Police Officer visited school on Monday to talk to the children about the dangers of trick or treat at Halloween. The Police are not intending to spoil anyone's fun, but will fully investigate any acts of criminal damage/anti-social behaviour. It is important to emphasise that many people, particularly the elderly, do not like tricks being played upon them and that children should be considerate of their feelings.

PTFA NEWS

Christmas Fair - 4th December 2009

Separate letters are accompanying this week's newsletter. Please remember that help is still needed for this event.

Fireworks Party

We will be selling tickets for the Downend Round Table Fireworks Evening on Friday 6th November, gates open at 6.00pm. Members of the PTFA will be selling tickets after school all next week. You will find them by the playground gate. Tickets cost £3.00.

Arboretum Tickets

Please can I order _____ adult tickets at £5.50

_____ OAP tickets at £4.00

_____ child tickets at £2.00

I enclose cheque/cash for _____ made payable to Emersons Green Primary School.

I understand that I can use these tickets ONLY on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night during the period 27th November - 20th December.

NAME OF CHILD: _____

CLASS: _____