



**Emersons Green Primary School**  
**NEWSLETTER NO. 9 - 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2009**

**Safeguarding - parents in school**

We are currently updating our safeguarding procedures. If you regularly help in school and have a current CRB check please can you show it to Mrs. Lockyer in the office so she can record it.

**Parents Evening**

Parents Evenings are being held on Tuesday 10 November from 5.00 - 8.00pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30 - 6.30pm. A separate letter was sent home this week with every child. Copies of the letter can be collected from the entrance foyer. Mrs. Isaac will not be available on Tuesday until approximately 7.00 as she is involved in training in Devon on that day. If you would like to meet with Mrs. Isaac call in after 7.00pm or ring to make a separate appointment. She will be available on Wednesday all evening.

**School Photographer**

Patrick, our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am to take individual and/or family photographs. Please see the separate letter attached.

**Green Contact Forms**

Thank you to all the parents who returned their forms so quickly. We still have approximately 40 outstanding and will send home individually named ones next week. It would be appreciated if you could return yours as soon as possible. You do need to complete a new green form for every child in your family.

**School Christmas Dinner**

We have changed the day the children are having their Christmas dinner. The new date is now Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Children In Need Day**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November is 'Children in Need Day'. To raise money towards this very good cause we are inviting staff and pupils to 'Be Dotty, Dress Spotty!' Please use your imagination and come to school wearing a dotty outfit or accessories. A donation of £1 is suggested.

We would also like to give the school a 'spotty' make over and are hoping to get all the children to make pom-poms. Accessorize have pinched the idea for their window displays! We will be making pom-poms in school but we would welcome any made at home or any donations of odd bits of wool. Please see the instructions on how to make a pom-pom at the end of the Newsletter.

**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 recently. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### **Walk to school week – 9<sup>th</sup> 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. We 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](http://www.HarmonicaWorld.net) or email Ben at [ben@HarmonicaWorld.net](mailto:ben@HarmonicaWorld.net).

### **After School Clubs**

If your child attends any after school club, please make sure you have a copy of the new timetable. It is in the entrance foyer window and spare copies are in the rack. We do receive a lot of phone calls regarding whether clubs are running or not and the reason for printing the timetable was to hopefully reduce these calls. All clubs will run regardless of weather, and if not we will make contact with you. A copy of the Club timetable for this term is printed on the back.

### **Emailing of Newsletter**

We are gradually inputting parent's email addresses, so you may receive a copy of the Newsletter by email as well as this copy. Please bear with us whilst we are trying to transfer over to electronic communication. It will be difficult to email some attachments so we do suggest that you continue to check your child's school bag. Most letters are sent home on a Friday, but occasionally we do send them out during the week. The Newsletter is always available from our web page, [www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk)

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October. Please save all your tokens and give them to Mrs. Lockyer who will forward them on to Stanbridge.

**Christmas Magical Evening Event – Closing date for this is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Tickets will be sent home as soon as we receive them.**

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 - 20<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**PTFA NEWS**

**The PTFA coffee mornings have always run on a Thursday** morning to welcome new parents, carers and grandparents and provide a friendly venue for people to meet and chat. Toddlers are always welcome (there are toys available) and tea, coffee, squash and toast is provided. The PTFA and school would really love to keep these mornings going but unfortunately we're struggling to find someone to run them. There are people available who can help set up but we need someone to take overall responsibility for the whole hour (9am - 10am). Can you help? The day of the week needs to stay the same (Thursday) but we are open to any ideas on how we can change the format of these mornings to ensure they keep running. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to help out for an hour each week or if you have any ideas to improve the mornings.

The next PTFA meeting is 16th November at 7pm. All welcome - we'd love to see lots of new faces (and old ones!) who can bring along their points of view and ideas. A glass of wine and a warm welcome is on the menu!

**Christmas Fair – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

A reminder that the closing date for all donations for the Christmas Fair is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November - we are really grateful for all of the generous donations we have received so far - thank you very much. If you have been printing out colouring sheets - we have enough now- thanks.

We have had an amazing 45 offers of help before, during and after the Christmas Fair. Thank you everyone who has volunteered - we really can't do this without you! Having said that we would be delighted if even more people got involved so if you think that you could spare an hour on the night or help in some other capacity, please get in touch with Vic or Julia either in the playground or call us on 07941 865850 (Vic) or 07525 900745 (Julia).

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**Arboretum Tickets**

Please can I order \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets at £5.50  
\_\_\_\_\_ OAP tickets at £4.50  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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 27<sup>th</sup> November - 20<sup>th</sup> December.

NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_



You will need yarn in one or more colours and cardboard such as cereal boxes or similar and scissors.



1. Cut 2 rings out of cardboard. The larger the outer ring is, the larger the pom pom will be.



2. Cut a long piece of yarn and start wrapping it through the ring. If the yarn runs out, continue with a new piece securing the ends while wrapping. You may also change colours at any time. You can also wrap several pieces of yarn at the same time if you are in a hurry.



3. Continue until you have thickly covered your ring. The more you have wrapped your yard around, the more thick and full your pom pom will be. This is how it looks when you are finished.



4. Take a pair of sharp scissors and cut the yarn between the 2 rings along the outside edge.



5. This is how it looks when you are finished.



6. Take a separate piece of yarn and now insert it between the two rings to hold the pom pom yarn in place. Tie the yarn in a knot and cut away the cardboard rings.



7. This is the finished pom pom.

