



EMERSONS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 1 - 3rd September 2010

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you have all had a good summer break. Our new Reception Class will be joining us on Monday 6th September.

It was lovely to see all the children back looking purposeful and tidy in their school uniforms. We have had a great start to the term and are feeling very positive about a fantastic 2010 – 2011.

We apologise for the vast amounts of information we are sending to you this week. You will find in addition to this newsletter the following attachments.

- Letters regarding Football, Athletics, Gymnastics, Tennis Clubs, Swimming lessons for KS2, and Play Rangers,
- After School Club timetable with dates and times
- Diary dates for the year
- Punctuality and Attendance Guidelines
- PTFA News

Although it is our plan to eventually email a copy of the newsletter to a large majority of parents, we have not yet input all the addresses, so therefore, please either check the web site at www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk or collect a copy from the front foyer. Reception Class will be given a paper copy until we have input your email addresses.

Meet the Teachers

We would like to invite you 'Meet the Teachers' next week. We have allocated different nights to each year group to ensure that parents who have more than one child have the opportunity to meet all the relevant teachers. Classrooms will be open from 3.30 – 4.00pm on the following days: - Monday Yr.5 & 6, Wednesday Yr.1 and Yr.2, Thursday Yr.3 and 4.

School Meals

Dinner money is now £1.65 per day - £8.25 per week. The Catering Department deal with the dinner money, so please send your money in on a Monday morning to the class teacher, in a sealed envelope. Please make cheques payable to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). If you have any queries regarding dinners, Vicky, our school cook, is usually available in the mornings, so just go and have a chat with her. Vicky deals with all the money relating to dinners and it is extremely helpful for her if dinner orders are made and paid for on a Monday morning. Thanks. Please remind your child that they must remember to hand in their dinner money.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons commence on Wednesday 8th September for Yr.4 and Yr.6. Children leave school just after 9.00am. Separate letters have been sent home with the timetable for Yrs.3 – 6.

School Uniform

Mrs. Donna Allen is the lady to see if you need school uniform! Mrs. Allen will be in school on a Friday morning between 9 and 10.00am, when she will be able to help sort your uniform order. Please use a yellow order form and send it into school and she will process this weekly and send the uniform home with your child. Cheques should be made payable to Emersons Green Primary School PTFA. Alternatively you can order directly on line at <http://www.schoolwearforless.com/schools/EmersonsGreenPrimaryBS167GA>.

After School Clubs

The Timetable for After School Clubs is attached. Spare copies are available from the entrance foyer. Please check the timetable for times of clubs etc. Letters relating to clubs will be sent home with your child or with the Newsletter. Places for clubs go quickly so please reply to any letters as quickly as possible.

Attendance and Punctuality Guidelines

Our leaflet on regular attendance and punctuality is attached. Please take the time to read this. Good attendance and punctuality is so important.

School Diary

The school diary is attached. This has some important dates that you may wish to transfer to your own calendar/diaries. This is accurate at the time of publishing but dates do change, so please check the newsletter weekly for updates.

10th Birthday Celebrations

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and found time to make some bunting flags and design a birthday logo for the school's 10th birthday celebrations. There is still time if you were busy as the logo competition closes on 24th September. Entry forms and a collection box are in the school foyer. Please hand completed bunting flags into the class teacher.

Further details are on the PTFA notice board so keep checking it for updates and how you can help. More information on the events planned will be available soon but if you have any queries please email either Ali Rawling (alison.rawling@googlemail.com) or Meryl Grimshaw (megandmeg@hotmail.com) or catch us in the playground.

Shoe Box Collection

Just to let you know that we will be doing our Christmas Shoe Box collection again this year. We support the Eleanor Charity who transport the boxes to Romania. More information will follow but remember to keep a shoe box handy. We are planning to collect the boxes by 10th November so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

Reception Class children – September 2011 and Secondary School Yr.6 children July 2011

If you have a child born between 01.09.06 – 31.08.07 they must be registered for school to start in September 2011. The information letter will be sent home during the next week. Applications for places need to be made on line and sent directly to South Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Service. Please do not return them to school.

Yr. 6 Secondary Transfer letters have already been sent home. If you did not receive one, please contact the office. The Yr.7 Admission Form must be completed on line and returned to South Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Service. Please do not send them back to school. We will not follow this up so it is your responsibility to make sure these forms are returned to the Authority by the stated date. If you are hoping to choose an Independent School, CTC, St. Mary Redcliffe or a school that is not in the local catchment area, it is still necessary for you to complete the form requesting a place at a local school. This will cover you if your application to an alternative school is not successful.

Lost – during the end of summer term/holidays

Lewis Allen, Yr.5 has lost his JD Bug Scooter, black frame with blue check grip tape. Please could you check at home? Thanks.

After School Chess Club

The Chess Club is held on Thursdays starting at 3.20 and finishing at 4.15. The first meeting of the After school Chess Club is on **Thursday 16th September**. As more children want to join, than there are places it is important that **all children, including last year players, return their reply slips** as soon as possible and certainly before Friday 10th September. To join the Chess Club children need to demonstrate that they know the rules of chess by having obtained the Bronze Chess Award. Children can earn the award at lunch time sessions with Mr. Birch. Year 2 children will be invited to lunch time chess after Christmas.

After School Chess Club – Reply Slip

I give permission for.....in Year..... to join the After School Chess Club on Thursdays. I will arrange collection of my child at 4.15 pm. I understand that regular attendance is expected and if my child cannot attend I will notify the school in advance.

Signed.....date.....

When there are away matches to other schools I can

Transport my child to the away match*

Can offer a lift to other children who have no transport.*

* Please delete accordingly

(If the club is over subscribed you will be informed and your child can go on the waiting list.)

PTFA NEWS

PTFA Meeting – Monday 6th September

We're kicking off the new school year quickly with a PTFA meeting this Monday 6th September – 6.30pm. All very welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat ☺

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings continue to be held on Friday mornings from 8.50am till 10am. This is a great time to relax, have a cuppa (juice and toast available for the toddlers) and catch up on summer holiday news! We'd particularly like to welcome new parents, grandparents, and childminders to the school. A separate PTFA Newsletter giving more information about the role of the PTFA is attached.

Fun Run Relay & Scavenger Hunt – September 25th at 2pm – 5pm

The PTFA will be holding an adults Fun Run Relay event and children's Scavenger Hunt on the 25th September (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome to come along to school and join in - this is a great opportunity to get together with friends and meet new ones. The Fun Run Relay will follow an easy route around Emersons Green and is approx. 3K. Fast walkers, beginners and more experienced keep fit fanatics all welcome! We'll start the relay at around 2.15pm – please could all entrants be at school for 2pm to register. The Relay costs £1.00 to enter and there will be a prize for the winners! There will also be a BBQ and a bar available and for those of you who don't put 'fun' and 'run' in the same sentence there'll be a range of games available and a children's Scavenger Hunt. So we can get an idea of numbers, all those parents who may be interested in entering the Fun Run Relay, please let us know using the tear off form below (please return to school office as soon as possible).

Christmas Fair – December 3rd 2010 5.30pm – 8pm

Just a very early 'date for your diaries' to let you know this year's family friendly Christmas Fair is on Friday December 3rd. Last year's fair was a roaring success and we're hoping this year will be even better. Our troops of helpers were fantastic last year and we'll be needing lots of help again this year both during and after the fair if it is to be a success. If you think that you can spare some time to help (no matter how little), please catch us in the playground anytime. Alternatively email getjules@woodfortrees.net. Also, we'll soon be asking for a variety of donations – as always, if you feel you have something in your cupboards you can donate (bottles of wine, good quality smellies, books or toys, party bag prizes etc) there is a donation drop box in the foyer.

Fundraising Website - Online Shoppers Wanted!!

Do you regularly shop on the internet? Did you know that you can help raise funds for the school every time you surf the shops? **Emersons Green Primary School PTFA** have signed up with www.easyfundraising.org.uk, an innovative website where thousands of people are raising money for charities every time they shop.

By using easy fundraising to access over 2000 well known retailers, savvy shoppers generate a free donation for the good cause of their choice. And as donations can be as much as 15% of the purchase price, we're really hoping parents, families & friends will log on and support us.

Featuring over 2000 of the UK's most popular retailers including M&S, Argos, Amazon, Boden, Tesco and many more, easy fundraising has already helped UK charities raise over £1.7 million. As well as raising funds, the free to use website also gives shoppers access to hundreds of offers, discounts, vouchers and free delivery codes that they won't find elsewhere.

There's never been a better reason to shop till you drop! Visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/emersonsgreenptfa> and follow the instructions.

Fun Run Relay - September 25th

Please register me for the Fun Run Relay!

Name: _____

Your child's name/class: _____

Estimated running ability (walker/jogger/slow runner/fast runner) _____

Please return to the school office as soon as possible. _____