



## **EMERSONS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **NEWSLETTER NO. 1 - 2nd September 2011**

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 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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](http://www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk) or collect a copy from the front foyer. We will also be sending a paper copy home.

#### **Meet the Teachers**

We would like to invite you to '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 their children's teachers. Classrooms will be open from 3.30 – 4.00pm on the following days: - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Yr.5 & 6, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept Yr.1 and Yr.2, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Yr.3 and 4.

#### **School Meals**

Dinner money is now £1.70 per day - £8.50 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Tracey Sutton is the lady to see if you need school uniform! Mrs. Sutton will be in school on a Friday morning between 9 and 10.00am, when she will be able to help sort your uniform order. Order forms are available from the foyer and these will be processed on the following Friday. You can also order on line through the link on our web site: [www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.emersonsgreenprimary.co.uk). Cheques should be made payable to Emersons Green Primary School PTFA.

#### **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. Also attached are application forms for Athletics, Tennis and Gymnastics Clubs.

#### **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.

#### **Reception Class children – September 2012 and Secondary School Yr.6 children September 2012**

If you have a child born between 01.09.07 – 31.08.08 you will need to apply on line at [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions).

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 at [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions). 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.

**Dirty Dancing Tickets**

These are now ready for collection from the office. Please collect them as soon as possible, the date of the show is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

**Mother Goose is Coming!**

The Christmas Pantomime at the Redgrave Theatre will be Mother Goose and we have booked tickets for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets cost £8.00 each. If you would like to join us please complete the reply slip. We need to close the orders for tickets by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Redgrave Theatre is a small theatre, close to the Zoo in Clifton. The Pantomimes are always hugely successful with the children.

**PTFA News**

The PTFA newsletter will be sent out next week, but their first event is the Beach Party on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Watch this space!

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**Mother Goose Tickets:**

Please could I order \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Mother Goose at £8.00 each.

I enclose payment of \_\_\_\_\_ Please make cheques payable to Emersons Green Primary School.

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

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_