

# Emscote Express

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## Dates for the diary...

### November

**27<sup>th</sup> Year 2 SATs meeting 6pm**

29<sup>th</sup> Maple sharing assembly

29<sup>th</sup> PTA Christmas Fair at All Saints' 2.30pm – all welcome

### December

4<sup>th</sup> Decorated Jam jars to be returned

5<sup>th</sup> Reception Fiery Feet Performance 2.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> Chestnut sharing assembly – rescheduled

6<sup>th</sup> Dress down day in return for tombola prize

6<sup>th</sup> PTA Christmas fair at Emscote 5-7pm

11<sup>th</sup> Reception and Y1 nativity 9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) all years

12<sup>th</sup> Reception and Y1 nativity 5.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> Christmas at St John's Museum Y1

17<sup>th</sup> Pantomime in school

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner

18<sup>th</sup> Y2 carol service 5.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Church service 9am

**19<sup>th</sup> Christmas class parties**

**20<sup>th</sup> TERM FINISHES**

### January

6<sup>th</sup> Inset day – school closed

7<sup>th</sup> RETURN TO SCHOOL

**29<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Awareness for parents 6-7pm**

### February

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM

### April

3<sup>rd</sup> TERM FINISHES

20<sup>th</sup> RETURN TO SCHOOL

### May

8<sup>th</sup> VE Day Bank Holiday – school closed

25<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June HALF TERM

### June

1<sup>st</sup> Inset day – school closed

### July

17<sup>th</sup> – TERM FINISHES for pupils



## Christmas Events



Here's what's happening in school to celebrate the festive season!

### PTA Christmas Fair 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

This popular event has stalls, food and of course Father Christmas! Please book a place to see him in advance.

### Reception & Y1 Nativity 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Dec

The classic nativity is a highlight for all! This year 'A Wiggly Nativity' tells the Christmas story through catchy songs, actions, movement and dance. For children who just can't sit still! Please order tickets in advance.

### Beauty and The Beast Pantomime 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

A visiting theatre company bring a top quality performance right here in our school hall. A highlight of the Autumn term.

### Christmas Jumper day - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Children to wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform for a £1 donation to Save the Children.

**Christmas Dinner - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** all children and staff eat a traditional turkey lunch together on long tables, complete with crackers and festive music.

### Year 2 Carol Concert - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

This fantastic concert showcases the wonderful singing of the children and they get the excitement of performing in All Saints' Church. No tickets are required for this event.

### Christmas Church Service 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Come and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with the whole school in All Saints' Church. All welcome.

### Christmas party lunch and class parties 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Children come to school in party clothes and enjoy a party food lunch all together in the hall. After lunch each class holds a Christmas party, and Father Christmas visits each class with a present for every child.

## **Christmas Wreath Making - PTA**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> December 7-9pm

£25 a ticket

25 spaces available

The PTA are planning to host a Christmas Wreath making workshop and any donations of greenery/berries/pine cones would be most welcome. Further information regarding tickets will follow soon.

## **Christmas Jam Jar Competition - PTA**

Each year the children are asked to decorate and fill a Christmas themed jam jar that can be put into the jam jar Tombola at the Christmas Fairs. They always sell out fast! The idea is to decorate a jam jar as creatively as possible and fill it with goodies/treasures (i.e. sweets, stickers, hair ties, miniature toys). Decorated jars need to be **brought in by Wednesday 4th December**. There are prizes to be won for the best design and the class with the most - children can bring in as many as they like!



## **Fundraising for School**

### **The Book People Big Book Boost**

This term we are promoting a new fundraising scheme being run by the Book People to help schools nurture a lifelong love of reading. For every £10 spent by parents/carers the school will be donated £1 to spend on books for the school. A leaflet has also gone out in book bags.

### **Amazon Smile**

Emscote and All Saints PTA have registered with Amazon smile.

This means Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PTA.

All you need to do is click the link and every time you buy something, the school gets a little something too – at no extra cost to you. Please share with your family and friends who use Amazon!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1105107-0>

### **Hintons Donation**

Thank you to Hintons, our local Garden Centre, for supplying us with lots of free bulbs ready for planting in the school grounds. Our thanks also goes to parent volunteers for helping us prepare and weed the flowerbeds this week.

### **Children in need**

Thanks to all those who dressed up and donated – we raised £145 for this fantastic charity.



### **Free School Meals**

Depending on your family/household income, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. All children in infant school receive a free hot meal at lunchtime, but this is a separate entitlement. If you qualify for Free School Meals, you will be entitled to funding towards school trips, uniforms and after school clubs. To find out if you are eligible please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Here you can apply online or download a form to post. Please see the school office if you cannot access the internet.

### **Year 1 trip to Sikh Temple**

Year 1 visited the Gurdwara Sahib of Leamington and Warwick. It was the 550th anniversary of the founding of Sikhism by Guru Nanak. Mr Singh showed us a prayer room and told us about the Gurus. Afterwards we went to the Langar and we were very kindly given some squash and a biscuit. We were all made to feel very welcome! Thank you to all our parent helpers on the day too.



### **Spring Bulb Competition**

Our children have been busy guessing the number of spring bulbs this week! Each class has been asked to guess the number of daffodil bulbs in a bag donated by local landscaping company Carty Services, Gardening and Cleaning Contractors. The class that comes up with the closest number will win £50 for classroom supplies, thank you to Mr Carty's generous donation. The bulbs will then be planted in the school grounds ready for the spring. If you have any similar competition/fundraising ideas for the school, please contact [admin2332@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2332@welearn365.com)

### **Vacancy – Chair of PTA**

Our PTA are currently looking to appoint a new Chairperson. The PTA plays a vital role in enhancing school life for the children by providing additional equipment or resources through fundraising, and to provide an important link between families and school. Unfortunately without a Chair we are unable to keep the PTA running. If you feel you could help and would like to apply please contact the office or email [emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com](mailto:emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com)

### **Year 2 SATs Meeting**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 6pm**

We would like to invite our Year 2 parents to a meeting to discuss and share information about SATs tests taking place in May. The purpose of the meeting is to provide our parents with the necessary information around the KS1 tests. Our main priority is for the children to feel confident, supported and well prepared so that they will be able to do their best. We like to make sure that this is done in a calm and positive way to ensure that all children feel comfortable. Our teachers endeavour to make this a stress free time and we ask that you support us with this. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. If you are not able to attend but have any questions about the KS1 tests, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. Thank you for your support.

### **Scallywags Activity Club**

Scallywags are looking for qualified staff holding a level 3 qualification or equivalent in childcare for before & after school care Monday to Friday, term time only. For more details contact Jo on 07834 241 414 or email [info@scallywagskids.co.uk](mailto:info@scallywagskids.co.uk).



# Warwick Lights of Love ★ 2019

## Celebrate the ones you love

**The Mayor and The Rotary Club of Warwick invite you to celebrate and remember someone you love.**

**Please join us for a Dedication Service on Sunday 8th December at 4pm in Market Square.**

The lights will be turned on as part of The Victorian Evening celebrations at 7pm on Thursday 28th November 2019.

**Tree provided by  
Barn Close  
Nurseries**

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