Emscote Express

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Dates for the diary...



November

11th -15th Anti Bullying Week
12th Odd Socks Day – Anti-bullying Awareness
13th Year 1 trip to Sikh Temple
15th Cherry sharing assembly
15th Dress down Day for Children in Need
27th Year 2 SATs meeting 6pm
22nd Willow sharing assembly
29th Maple sharing assembly
29th PTA Christmas Fair at All Saints' 2.30pm

December

4th Decorated Jam jars to be returned 5th Reception Fiery Feet Performance 2.30pm 6th Chestnut sharing assembly – rescheduled 6th Dress down day in return for tombola prize 6th PTA Christmas fair at Emscote 5-7pm 11th Reception and Y1 nativity 9.30am 12th Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) all years 12th Reception and Y1 nativity 5.30pm 16th Christmas at St John's Museum Y1 17th Pantomine in school 18th Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner 18th Y2 carol service 5.30pm 19th Church service 9am 20th TERM FINISHES

January

6th Inset day – school closed 7th RETURN TO SCHOOL

February

 $17^{th} - 21^{st}$ HALF TERM

April

3rd TERM FINISHES 20th RETURN TO SCHOOL

May

8th VE Day Bank Holiday – school closed 25th – 2nd June HALF TERM **June**

1st Inset day – school closed July

17th – TERM FINISHES for pupils

11th -15th November Anti-Bullying Week

This week all children will be engaged in discussions in class and assembly to support and explain anti-bullying. The aim is to prevent bullying and help children to deal with it appropriately.



12th November Odd Socks Day

In support of the anti bullying campaign we will be wearing odd socks to school on the Tuesday. No donations are required, we simply want to help raise awareness.



Friday 15th November

We will be supporting Children in Need again this year by wearing something spotty to school. Children can wear spotty clothes or accessories to school for a £1 donation. Feel free to decorate an old t-shirt or simply dress down for the day if you don't have anything spotty.



Year 1 Trips

Year 1 have two exciting trips to look forward to this term, a trip to Leamington's Sikh Temple (Wed 13th Nov) and also our annual trip to the Christmas workshop at St John's Museum in Warwick (Mon 16th Dec). A letter about the museum trip will be following shortly. Please return slips with correct money for the Sikh trip as soon as possible. The children have always enjoyed these trips in previous years and we are sure they will too!

Christmas Jam Jar Competition

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 2020.** 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!

Poppy Appeal 2019

Thank you to Mrs Madagan for taking the time to sell poppies & stationary items for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this week. We held a special assembly on Monday 11th November to help mark Remembrance Day and the children were able to wear their Scouting association uniforms. Thank you to all who took part.





Parent Questionnaire

These are some of the words we picked out from our parent questionnaire in October. Many thanks to all who responded.



Fantastic Fireworks! Well done to the PTA and all their parent and staff helpers for putting on a fantastic fireworks event to celebrate Bonfire Night. 500 people attended and enjoyed a range of great food, glow sticks and of course a fantastic firework display. The weather held fine and the PTA raised £500 for each school. A big thank you also to National Grid for their match funding.



Preparing for spring!

We are looking for volunteers to help us weed out the raised flower beds in the playground. If you have an hour to spare one day after half term, we would be extremely grateful for your time. Mr Queralt and Mr Clarke would also like donations of spring bulbs so the children can get planting and ensure we have a fabulous flower display next Spring. Please bring to the office – Many Thanks!

Kicking off Kid's Marathon!

Well done to all those taking part and running some laps for the Kid's Marathon programme during lunchtimes. For those parents that gave consent, their progress will be recorded with Kid's Marathon. In the Summer term we should see how everyone has done and who has managed a full or half marathon distance!

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

Vacancy – Business Manager Role

We are looking for a new Business Manager to work across both Emscote Infants and All Saints' Junior School. The role is advertised as 30 hours per week, working Monday to Friday 39 weeks per year and offers an interesting and fulfilling job that fits around school times and holidays. We support flexible working, so please contact us if you would like us to consider alternative arrangements. Full details and application details are at: https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/65437/ business-manager/

Year 2 SATs Meeting Wednesday 27th 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 you 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 <u>info@scallywagskids.co.uk</u>.