

Emscote Express

Issue 1, 12th September 2019

Diary dates

2019



September

16th Reception classes start full time

27th Macmillan coffee morning

October

2nd Sycamore Impact Learning 9-10am

2nd Oak Impact Learning 2-3pm

3rd Chestnut Impact Learning 9-10am

3rd Maple Impact Learning 2-3pm

4th Individual school photos

11th Sycamore sharing assembly

15th & 17th Parents Evening

24th Harvest festival

25th Oak sharing assembly

28th – 1st Nov **HALF TERM**

November

4th Inset day – school closed

5th Return to school

8th Chestnut sharing assembly

8th Grandparents afternoon tea

15th Cherry sharing assembly

22nd Willow sharing assembly

29th Maple sharing assembly

December

12th Flu vaccinations all years

20th **TERM FINISHES**

2019

January

6th Inset day – school closed

7th RETURN TO SCHOOL

February

17th – 21st **HALF TERM**

After School Clubs

We still have places available in music, drama and rugby club. Please come to the office if you are interested or require further details.

Welcome to

Emscote Infant School

We extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families from all the staff here at Emscote Infant School. We look forward to working with your child in their first important years in education.

We also welcome back all our other pupils and their families, and we are looking forward to a productive and exciting term.

Please note the diary dates (see left) that are important, especially Inset Days when we are closed to children and any special events you may wish to attend.

Do speak to a member of staff at any time if you have concerns or feedback for school.

Mrs Cossins & Mr Queralt

School Photos 4th October

Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Friday 4th October to take individual photos of all the children. Children will also have a photo with their sibling if they are both at Emscote Infant School.

If you wish to have a photo of them with a younger or older sibling, please arrive at 8.30am.

Please note that while we are happy to photograph family groups, the photographer's time is limited and we need to keep the queue moving in order that we can get all the individual photographs taken before lunch!

Thank you

Mathletics

Emscote Infant pupils had a very successful year using Mathletics last year, a massive well done to all those who took part. All new pupils will receive their Mathletics log in in the next week. Please contact the office if you lose your log in and/or password.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th September, 9am

Parents are invited to help us to raise funds for this fantastic charity by enjoying a drink and cake for a donation to Macmillan. Any donations of cakes would be very welcome! Please bring them to the office on Thursday or Friday morning.

Well done to Year 2

in their mini running festival held at All Saints' Junior School this week. We would also like to thank our local Tesco for supplying fresh fruit for the event!



Church Pop Up Café

All Saints' Church are creating a pop up café for tea and toast after the school run. It's a chance for parents to meet and toddlers to play! It's a great way to start the school year and will be open 8.45am to 10.00am on:
Thursday 12th September
Tuesday 17th September
Wednesday 18th September



Bike to School Week 2019 23 to 27 September

Make memories, enjoy the fresh air and have loads of fun this [Bike to School Week](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-2019). We have bike racks available to use in the playground for those that need them. For a chance to share family photos of your bike ride and win a brand new Frog bike, visit www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-2019.

Parking!

Let's start the year as we mean to go on and avoid any parking issues. We appreciate that many parents do need to drop off and collect using their car, but we do ask that you park considerately every time. Please do not block footpaths or park on corners as this makes it very dangerous for children crossing the roads.

Also we ask that you do not block in local residents or cause them any difficulties – we want to keep our great reputation in our local community.

If the front Church car park is full, please use the rear car park before filling up the street and layby. You are also welcome to park at the Nelson Club or perhaps use the Tesco car park and get your step count up for the day!

Your help with this matter is much appreciated

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

- 1 Talk to children and babies about feeling safe and keeping safe. It's never too early to start.
- 2 Always give children the reason for any decisions you have made – it helps them to understand 'why?' ...'Because I say so' is not a good enough reason!
- 3 Help to build your child's confidence and self esteem. Praise them often. People who choose to bully or who are dangerous to children will often pick out less confident children or those who spend time or go out alone.
- 4 Listen to your children, especially when they are trying to tell you about things that worry them. Let children know that you will always take them seriously and do whatever you can to keep them safe.
- 5 Let children know they never have to do anything they don't like with an adult or another child - even if it is someone they know. Practise this at home by never making them kiss or hug an adult if they don't want to.
- 6 Teach children to trust their own 'Early Warning Signs' or 'gut feelings' about people and situations.
- 7 As soon as children are able to understand, teach them their full name, address and phone number. Practise these with them until you are sure they can remember.
- 8 In most situations, children under about eight years old shouldn't be out alone. Even when out playing with older children, they need to be kept in the care and sight of an adult or a much older child who is mature and trustworthy.
- 9 Never leave young children in unsupervised play areas in shops or parks. Don't leave them alone in the car or outside a shop, not even for a few minutes.
- 10 If you are in a crowded place, keep children in a pram or buggy, hold hands tightly or use reins. Don't walk ahead of small children who can't keep up. Remember it only takes a moment for toddlers to wander off.
- 11 You can start teaching children simple rules about personal safety from as young as two or three. Tell them clearly that they must never go off with anyone, not even with someone they know, without first asking you or the adult looking after them.
- 12 Teach older children safe ways of crossing roads, going shopping and asking adults for directions and let them practise these with you until you are sure they have understood. Help children decide who would be the safest adults to talk to if they need help or get lost (e.g. Police officer, shop-keeper, someone with a young child).
- 13 When children are mature enough to be out alone, make sure they tell you: Who they are going out with, Where they are going (and how to contact them), When they will be back.
- 14 In busy public places arrange somewhere to meet in case you get separated, like an information desk or specific shop/bank.
- 15 Keep electronic devices and televisions in public areas of your home, not in children's bedrooms. Monitor what your children are watching & looking at. Encourage children to talk with you if they feel uncomfortable about anything they come across.
- 16 There is no law that states the minimum age that a child can be left alone. However, it is an offence to leave a child alone when doing so puts him or her at risk. Never leave a baby or young child alone at home, whether asleep or awake. Most children under thirteen should not be left for more than a very short period and no child under sixteen should be left overnight.

No matter how much you teach your child about safety, remember the limits of their age and maturity.