



Emscote and All Saints' Schools PTA Christmas Newsletter 2019



Welcome to our Christmas newsletter where you'll find information on our forthcoming events and fundraising activities for this term. Items for **Emscote** have a **red title**, items for **All Saints'** have a **green title** and **joint items** are **gold**.

The Christmas fayres at both schools are one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Proceeds raised at each fayre will benefit the children at that school. The success of these events relies on the generosity and help of all our parents and we are very grateful that many have already volunteered. There is now a sign-up list for helpers at each school in reception. Please sign up if you are able to help.

It is our aim to cover the stalls so that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the fayre as well as helping out. There are also lots of jobs to do in the lead up to the fayres if you are unable to help on the day itself. These jobs are also listed. We look forward to welcoming anyone who is able to spare us some time.

ALL SAINT'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 29th November, 2:30 – 4:30pm

This fayre is largely run by the children. Each class comes up with ideas to run games and stalls, and there will be a competition to see which class can make the most money.

The fayre starts **at 2:30pm**, for children to go around the stalls and the other classes. If you would like your child to do this, please send them with a small amount of money on the day. **Parents, family, friends and siblings** are welcome to join in the fun **from 3:15pm**. Refreshments and cakes will be served.

EMSCOTE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 6th December, 5:00 – 7:00pm

The Emscote Fayre will include a whole host of stalls and activities including:

- Father Christmas in his grotto
- Tombola/Jam Jar Tombola
- Games and crafts
- Crafts made by the children



We will be serving hot and cold food, and refreshments. Please come along and enjoy a glass of mulled wine, a samosa or a hot dog amongst other things. Please book your time slot with Santa early to avoid disappointment.

We are looking for face painters for the Emscote Fayre. Please contact us if you can help.

SAVE YOUR JAM JARS!

Children at both schools are asked to decorate and fill a Jam Jar that can be put into the Jam Jar Tombola at the Christmas Fayres. They always sell out fast!



Children should 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 before the date of the fayre**. We'll judge the best design at both schools and the class that sends in the most in each school, will receive a prize. Good luck to all the children and we look forward to seeing some fantastic designs!

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



This is a new event on our Christmas calendar this year and is one for the grown-ups. Learn how to make your own beautiful Christmas wreath and be the envy of all your neighbours. Tickets £25. All materials will be provided as well as a class of mulled wine / hot chocolate and a mince pie. Look out for a letter and booking slip.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are again selling joint tickets for the Christmas raffle with one set of shared prizes. All proceeds from ticket sales will be split equally between the two schools and funds spent this year to benefit the children.

We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs this year, including a family weekend ticket for Elderflower Fields festival at Stanford Hall worth over £300 (elderflowerfields.co.uk), a family pass to Warwick Castle, Ice Skating vouchers, a family pass to Jump In, a 2 hour house clean, food hampers plus many more.

Look out for raffle tickets in book bags (£1 per ticket). Please try and sell your tickets to friends, neighbours and family. Additional tickets will be available from reception, at the fayre and during the Christmas performances at both schools. Please return any unused tickets to the office so that we can sell them on!



HELP AND DONATIONS NEEDED

WATER INTO WINE

This is one of our most popular stalls at the Emscote Fayre, and a successful fundraiser. We are looking for donations of wine so that we can run this stall.

WRAPPING PAPER NEEDED

Do you have any spare wrapping paper that could be used for wrapping Christmas gifts for the children? Please take any donations to either school office.

MINCE PIES AND CAKES

We will be having a cake stall at both events and also need mince pies for the wreath making workshop. Please send donations of cakes or mince pies (bought or homemade) on the morning before the fayres. All donations will be gratefully received.

HAMPER FOR THE RAFFLE

As always, the First Prize in the raffle will be a Christmas Hamper, with several mini themed hampers also on offer. A sign-up sheet for the contents of the hampers will be placed in reception and we'd be grateful for any donations of food or drinks.

MATCHED FUNDING

Do you work for a company that may consider matched funding? National Grid is one such employer. Please let us know if you or your employer may be able to help.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Entry deadline for decorated jam jars
Bring in mince pie / cake donations
Thursday 28th November, 9am, All Saints'
Thursday 27th December, 9am, Emscote

Deadline for wine and tombola donations
Friday 6th December, 9am, Emscote

Deadline for booking for Santa's Grotto tickets
Monday 25th November

All Saints' Christmas Fayre
Friday 29th November, 2:30 – 4:30pm
(Families welcome from 3:15)

Emscote Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th December, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
Monday 9th December, times TBC, Emscote
(Advance booking required)

Key Stage 2 Disco
Thursday 19th December, 4:15 – 5:45pm, All Saints'

NEXT PTA MEETING

Monday 2nd December, 7:30 – 9pm at Emscote School
Joint schools PTA meeting. All welcome.