Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

October 2022

EMMANUEL HOLCOMBE PTA

Thank you to all those who supported the Welcome Walk on Friday 23rd September and to the members of the PTA who helped organise the event. It was lovely to see so many of our new families!

The PTA is a great way of getting to know other families and staff, whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for all. The PTA donate money every year to each class, which greatly enhances classroom provision. Without the hard work and dedication of these parents, school would not be able to provide the education that we currently offer. We are hugely grateful to all members of our PTA.

We are looking for new parents / grandparents to join our team. You do not need to have any specific skills- just a desire to get involved and support our special school! If you are able to help in any way, please complete a form at the school office.

Please see our 'Year at a Glance' for the next PTA meeting, which is also displayed on our website and in our external cabinet.

CONTRIBUTIONS

As a voluntary aided school, the Governing Body are expected to fund 10 % of any capital projects or projects resourced by capital funding in school. Over the last year, we have had several projects and going forwards, we have the repair of the external stonework.

Our pot of money is now empty, which restricts our ability to obtain further funding to develop our school. We would like to thank those families who contribute a small monthly amount to the school, which can be used to help towards any future building work.

If you feel that you could contribute £2 or £3 each month, it would be much appreciated and would help us greatly. You can set this up directly with your own bank by using the sort code and account number available from the school office.

A small school like Emmanuel has many advantages to offer and the Governors endeavour to maintain and improve the buildings as best we can, so your support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those of you that have already joined this scheme.

CHANGE TO INSET DAY

Please find attached an updated holiday list for this academic year. Please could we draw your attention to the **changed dates** of the May half term holiday and also the date that we close for summer in July 2023. Holiday dates for academic year 2023-24 will be published as soon as we have passed this through our Full Governing Body.

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FRUIT SNACK

The Government provides a piece of fruit for every child in ACORN and Key Stage 1 classes. Therefore, these pupils **should** not need to bring in their own snack for morning break.



At Key Stage 2, pupils who wish to have a snack at morning break can bring a healthy snack such as fruit, vegetable sticks or packets of plain dried fruit. We ask parents to check such packets for added sugars. KS2 pupils are also encouraged to bring a named water bottle to keep in the classroom.

Please could we respectfully remind all parents that we are a 'Nut-Free' School. We have several children in school who have a confirmed condition called Anaphalaxsis. It is imperative—for the well-being of these children—that everyone is vigilant in ensuring nuts are not brought into school. Additionally, any small fruits such as cherry tomatoes or grapes should be cut into quarters. This is the most up to date guidance from Paediatric First Aid. Thank you for your support with this.

BUILDING WORKS

Please be aware that building work will be commencing on Monday 10th October to repair the external stonework.

This may impact on parking close to the school, however we will know more details when we have met with the contractor. The works should be completed by mid November. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to all our parents who attended our most recent parent forum. Parent Forums are a great way to meet other parents, learn about school life, and learn about Special Educational Needs. The agenda is lead by parents and runs in an informal way. Minutes of the most recent meeting will be published on our website. Our next meeting is **Thursday 13th October at 9.00am**. Lesley Harris from the Additional Needs Team in Bury will be attending to give an overview of what Inclusion Services can offer. You are welcome to send agenda items in advance to emmanuelholcombe@bury.gov.uk.

UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

It has been wonderful to see our children return to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Please remember that there is no expectation on parents to buy uniform with logos—plain white t-shirts red/blue jumpers and cardigans are perfectly acceptable. Please remember to put your child's name in all items of uniform. All unnamed uniform is placed in our new lost property basket in the foyer - feel free to come and have a look. Our lost property basket will be emptied at the end of each term and any unclaimed uniform will join our pre-loved uniform shop.

Pre-loved uniform - In order to reduce our environmental impact and help provide a costeffective way of kitting out your children for school we will have stalls, running alongside our cake sales, offering great condition uniform to buy for a small, voluntary donation.

We are also welcoming donations of preloved uniform to school again and would love your used, in good condition items of : School jumpers and fleeces, dresses, skirts and trousers.

Please ensure these are clean, without pen marks and that trousers are not faded. School has limited space to store this uniform and therefore we have restricted the items we accept to those we are likely to sell.

The next cake and uniform sale is Thursday 20th October.

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OPEN DAY

We will be holding an Open Day for all parents, Grandparents and prospective parents on Tuesday 8th November. This is an opportunity for you to come and see the school in action and see what the children are learning. You will be given a guided tour by a member of Year 6.

We are offering two drop -in sessions: 9:30 - 11:30am (no appointment necessary) 1:30 - 3:00pm

Please come to see us. We'd love to see you and show off our school!

CLUBS

Sports Coach and Teacher led clubs are starting again this half term. These clubs include choir, dance club, chess, digital leaders and dodgeball. For clubs that run during the school day at lunchtimes, children are encouraged to sign up and parent consent is not required.

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Monday	Years 3 to 6	Chess Club		
Tuesday	Years 2 to 6	Choir		
Wednesday	Years 5 to 6	Dance Club	Years 3 to 6	KS2 Dodgeball
Thursday	Years 3 to 6	Digital Leaders		
	Years 1 to 2	KS1 Dodgeball		
Friday	Years 5 to 6	Cross Country (details to follow)		
	School Counci	il		

BURY DIRECTORY

Bury Directory provides links to a huge range of services, activities, information and support for families in our area. Follow the link for more information:

https://theburydirectory.co.uk

CAR BOOT SALE REMINDER



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Emmanuel Holcombe CoE Primary School School Calendar 2022 – 23

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School closed / Holiday

The 'Year at a Glance' 2022-2023

Below are dates that have been booked for the next academic year. New dates will be added to monthly newsletters in RED.

2022

Sunday 9th October Campfire Church at Canon Lewis Hall – 3:00pm

Thursday 13th October Parent Forum 9.00am – 10.00am

Friday 14th October PTA Disco 6.30 - 8.00pm

Weds 19th – Fri 21st October OAK Class on Waddow Hall Residential

Thursday 20th October PTA Cake Sale 3.20pm

Friday 21st October No Family Assembly due to Oak Class returning from Waddow

Friday 21st October SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM

Monday 31st October SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY

Tuesday 1st November SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 2nd November Parent's Evening (face to face) – **Acorn, Willow, Beech & Oak**

Tuesday 8th November OPEN DAY

Tuesday 8th November PTA AGM 3.20pm in school

Wednesday 16th November Flu Vaccinations

Friday 25th November Parent Forum 9.00am – 10.00am

Friday 25th November Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Friday 25th November PTA Meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)

Friday 2nd December PTA Christmas Fair – time TBC

WC Monday 5th December Acorns and Willow Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 7th December Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 9th December Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Monday 12th December Christmas Panto for children in school

Tuesday 13th December Acorn and Willow Christmas party.

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Tuesday 13th December Carol concert 7.00pm in Church – **BEECH and OAK** Class

Wednesday 14th December School Choir singing at Bury Market

Thursday 15th December Beech and Oak Christmas party.

Thursday 15th December PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm

Friday 16th December SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS closes at 2.30pm

Tuesday 3rd January SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM

Tuesday 10th January PTA Meeting – 3.20pm in school

Friday 27th January Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Friday 27th January PTA Meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)

Friday 3rd February PTA Disco 6.30 - 8.00pm

Thursday 9th February PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm

Sunday 12th February Celebration Sunday in Church - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Friday 17th February OAK Class Viking Workshop in school

Friday 17th February Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Friday 17th February SCHOOL CLOSES FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 27th February SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 28th February BEECH Class Ancient Egyptian Workshop Bolton Museum

Wednesday 1st March Parent's Evening – Face to Face – **Willow, Beech & Oak**

Tuesday 7th March PTA meeting – 3.20pm in school

Friday 24th March Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Friday 24th March PTA meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)

Thursday 30th March PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm

Friday 31st March Easter service 2:15pm in Church

Friday 31st March SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS at 3.20pm

Monday 17th April SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 25th April PTA Meeting – 3.20pm in school

Friday 28th April Family Assembly – 2.50pm

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Friday 28th April PTA Meeting –3.20pm (after Family Assembly)

Monday 1st May BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Friday 12th May PTA Spring Fair 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 18th May PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm

Friday 26th May Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Friday 26th May SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM (change from previously published)

Tuesday 6th June **SCHOOL OPENS**

Tuesday 13th June BEECH CLASS Jewish Museum Workshop 'Festivals & Feasts'

Tuesday 13th June OAK Class Visit to a Hindu Temple (Shree Swaminarayan Mandir)

Tuesday 13th June PTA meeting – 3.20pm in school

TBC June Move up day and Woodhey transition day

Friday 30th June Family Assembly – 2.50pm

Friday 30th June PTA Meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)

TBC OAK Class End of Year Show

TBC Year 6 Reward Trip

Wednesday 19th July Year 6 Leaver's Meal

Thursday 20th July Leavers' Service 1:15pm in Church

Thursday 20th July SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER at 2:30pm (change from previously

published)

Friday 21st July SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

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