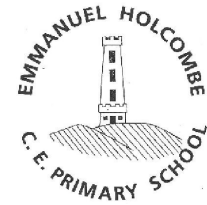


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

September 2023

Autumn Term 2023

We hope you had a good summer break and we extend a warm welcome to all our families, both new and familiar. Our monthly newsletter aims to keep you informed about activities and events at school. For the benefit of new parents, all letters are sent home on a Thursday by email. Any letters that need returning to school will always be sent home in school bags as a hardcopy.

We are all excited about the year ahead. The children have made a fantastic start and have settled really well into their new year groups.

We have included our 'Year at a Glance' document, which highlights all of the key dates throughout the year. Any new dates that are added during the year will be highlighted in **red** in our monthly newsletter and displayed in the cabinet outside school.

Meet the Teacher and Class 'Drop-ins' - WILLOW, BEECH, & OAK

We are offering a class 'drop-in' session, where parents, carers and pupils are invited to visit classrooms and chat to staff. This session will be on Tuesday 12th September (3:30pm to 5:00pm). We look forward to seeing you and showing you around school.

Willow Classroom

As you may be aware, Willow Classroom has undergone a full renovation over the summer holidays, partially funded by our fantastic PTA, and we are delighted with the result. Please feel free to pop into Willow classroom on Tuesday 12th September, during class 'drop-ins' to have a look, (even if your child isn't in that class).

Seesaw QR Codes (not Acorn Class)

Before the summer class teachers sent out new Seesaw QR codes for this academic year and class newsletters. Please refer to these documents for information about Blues Days, classroom equipment etc.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see all of the children arriving at school in their smart, new uniforms. Please label all items. We strongly believe that pride in our uniform inspires pride in our school and we will be celebrating excellent uniform standards. Please note that we do not expect logoed uniform. Plain red jumpers/cardigans and plain white polo shirts are perfectly acceptable and our PTA hold regular pre-loved uniform sales in school. We are here to support you; so please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns regarding uniform.

Punctuality and the school ramp

School opens at 8.45am and all children are encouraged to arrive at this time. This allows children to put their belongings away, start their early morning tasks and be ready for learning. Registration is at 8.55am. If children arrive after 8.55am they must enter school via the office and they will receive a late mark in the register.

Please can we request that pupils do not access the ramp before 8.45am, as the school premises are not officially open to pupils until this time, and therefore children are not insured.

Attendance

You may be aware that the government have stipulated that schools must have robust systems in place for promoting good attendance. Good attendance is considered to be between 98%-100%. Persistent absence is considered below 90%. A report by Ofsted stated that the most impactful approach to improving attendance is to, 'listen, understand, empathise and support – but not to tolerate'. We will be sharing attendance figures throughout the year.

'Reading: the gateway to learning':

Reading is the gateway to learning anything about everything. It helps children discover new things, educate themselves in any area of life they are interested in and enables them to access the full curriculum. We understand the tremendous time pressures on young families and that finding time to read is not always easy, but as educators, we implore you to prioritise this one task over the next academic year. Daily reading with your child not only improves progress in all areas -it accelerates progress. Please come into school and meet with us if you need any help in establishing the daily habit of reading and we will happily support you in any way we can.

A BIG Thank You

A huge congratulations and heartfelt thank you to Nick Di-Nardo, an Emmanuel parent, who cycled 140 miles, completing the Coast to Coast challenge in July. Thanks to Nick's fantastic fundraising efforts, almost £1,000 has been raised for school. Plus, the company he works for has also donated £1,000. The money has been spent on the Willow class refurbishment, which has significantly enhanced the learning environment for our pupils.

Medication



We would like to remind parents that whilst we are able to administer any medication that is prescribed by your child's doctor or hospital, we cannot give anything that is 'bought over the counter'. All medication must be brought to the school office by an adult who will be asked to complete a '**Request For School To Administer Prescribed Medication**' form, (this is available from the Office or can be downloaded from our website). To ensure the safety of our pupils, all medication is kept in the staffroom, this ensures that all staff are aware of any health needs. A Health Care Plan will be put in place if necessary.

Medicines should be clearly marked with the name of the pupil, together with the dosage and the time of day at which it should be taken. School cannot accept medicine that has been taken out of the original container.

If required, parents can visit the school during the day to administer any medication like paracetamol.

If your child needs ongoing medication for conditions such as asthma, medication must be stored in school rather than being sent in daily in their school bag. An additional set of medicine should be available from your Doctor. Medication stored in school is stored centrally with a plan for its use which is known to all staff. Medication and health Care Plans go off-site whenever your child does. For any medication sent into school, whether for an ongoing condition or a temporary illness, parents must also complete the school form referred to above.

Sickness

Please can we remind you that if your child has suffered with sickness or diarrhoea, it is really important that you do not send them into school until they have had at least **48 hours** of being clear of any sickness or diarrhoea. This is in line with guidance from Public Health England. As a school we will send them home if we feel they are not fit to be in school. Thanks for your continued co-operation.

School Dinners

School Dinners: The price of a school meal for Years 3 to 6 is now **£2.50** per day. Cost per week for school dinners is **£12.50**. School dinners are payable in advance and prompt payment is essential. You can choose to pay either weekly, monthly or for a half term. Payments should be made online to the Bury MBC website. When you are paying online, **please pay under the correct category**. We have had some incidences of payments for dinner money paid into trips and vice versa, which causes problems. If you require a further copy of the instructions and your child's UPN, please contact the school office.

School Milk

At the end of July, we were informed that our milk provider had ceased trading with immediate effect. We have now secured a new milk supplier. However, this means that we are unlikely to receive any milk supplies for the first few weeks of term whilst the administrations process is completed. We will update you as soon as we have any further information.

Contact Information

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. This ensures that we can contact the relevant parent/carer when necessary.

PTA—Meeting and Welcome Walk

The first PTA meeting will take place on Thursday 14th September at 9:00am in school. Please join us if you can—it would be lovely to welcome some new faces.



Our first planned event is for Friday 22nd September when we would like to invite you to our 'Welcome Walk'. This is a lovely event enabling our new families to meet with our school family. Further details will be sent out.

Jeans for Genes

On Friday 22nd September we will be holding a Jeans for Genes Day. This charity raises money to help children with genetic disorders. Pupils are asked to wear their normal school uniform but with a pair of jeans instead of their normal school trousers / skirt. In return we are asking for a donation of £1 to support the Jeans for Genes campaign.

We have supported this charity for years and the children have always enjoyed wearing their jeans for the day, we hope that your child/ren can participate.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



Glue Sticks

Parents are always asking how they can help us as a school and we greatly appreciate all the support that you give us. One small way that you could help is by contributing towards the basic resources for the children—if you would like to and are able to add a glue stick to your shopping basket when out shopping, this could be sent into school where we can distribute them to the classes. You wouldn't believe how many gluesticks we get through!

Please note this is for anybody who is able to help us, and is by no means expected. Thank you, we really appreciate any help you can give us.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held in church on Friday 29th September at 9:15am. Everyone is welcome. This year we will be supporting Bury Porch Project again. We are asking all children from Reception to Year 6 to bring any items from the list below to help these worthy causes. Items (placed in a plastic bag) should be brought into school on **Thursday 28th September**, but please not before.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

- Beans and sausage
- Tinned Stews/meatballs/chilli
- Ravioli
- Hot dogs
- Spaghetti
- Tinned Vegetables
- Vegetable meals
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned Potatoes
- Macaroni cheese
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned and packet soup
- Tins of meat
- Tins of tuna
- Pasta & Sauce Packets
- Tea / Coffee
- Rice Pudding
- Sugar
- Custard & Tinned Fruit
- Packets of cereal
- Packets of rice and pasta
- Biscuits
- Sachets of drinks e.g. hot chocolate
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

Parents' Forum

This is a regular forum to enhance communication between parents/ carers and the school. The forum will always be attended by the Headteacher, and all members of the school community are invited. People are encouraged to put forward items for the agenda prior to the meeting.

The next forum will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 2:30pm in school. Any agenda items to be emailed to emmanuelholcombe@bury.gov.uk by 2pm Friday 29th September.

Birthday Books

We would like to remind parents not to send in sweets for their child's birthday. If you would like them to mark the occasion or day, you may like to donate a book or game for the class, but please don't go to any expense, this is completely optional. The book / game would then have a Birthday certificate inside stating

“ This book was donated by _ _ _ _ _ ”

Thank you.



Oak Class

If you are allowing your child to walk home on their own, please can you contact the office to give your permission. We cannot allow a child to walk home alone if we have not had your permission. Also, if a child is bringing a mobile phone into school for the purpose of safety whilst walking home, they must hand this in to Mrs Bulmer as they enter in the morning, and your child will be able to collect it at home time.

School Book Bags

Due to space in school, we ask that children use a book bag to bring their learning to and from school rather than any other type of bag. Book bags can be purchased from school using the online payment system. Unfortunately, our suppliers have increased the price of the book bags. A KS1 bag is **£7.00** and the KS2 bag is **£7.75**. Once you have made the payment we will send the book bag home with your child.

The 'Year at a Glance'

2023-24

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

Things to note:

- We hold five PTA events per year and there is a PTA planning meeting approximately 2 weeks before each event:
 - Welcome Walk
 - Two discos (October and February)
 - Christmas Fair
 - Spring Fair
- We are holding our PTA meetings on Thursdays at 9.00am after drop-off this year. We welcome all feedback.
- We are holding three cake and uniform sales this year – all of which are on the penultimate Thursday before we break up for half term, (October, February and May).
- Parent Forums are running at 2.30pm this year. Parent Forum agendas are for parents to decide. The first part of the meeting is always parent agenda items and then we often run a SEND themed discussion or workshop.
- Jo Sumsion runs a coffee and cake drop-in every Wednesday at 9:00am at the Church. All are welcome.
- Family assemblies are 9.00am this year, to align with the time we normally hold our celebration worship in school.

2023

Monday 11 th September	10.15am: Bury Music Service demo
Tuesday 12 th September	3.30pm - 5.00pm: parent drop-ins – visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher
Thursday 14 th September	9.00am PTA meeting in school – planning meeting for Welcome Walk
Saturday 16 th September	10:00am to 2:00pm Car Boot Sale at Emmanuel Church Centre
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes. Non Uniform
Friday 22 nd September	6.00pm: Family 'Welcome Walk' up Holcombe Hill
Tuesday 26 th September	5.30pm Northumberland Residential Information Evening – Beech parents
Tuesday 26 th September	6.00pm Phonics and Early Reading Workshop – Acorns & Willow parents
Thursday 28 th September	9.00am PTA meeting in school – planning meeting for October disco
Friday 29 th September	9.15am Harvest Service in Church (instead of family assembly)
Tuesday 3 rd October	2.30pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 4 th October	8.45am Individual school photos (siblings invited)
Thurs 5 th Oct – Fri 6 th Oct	BEECH CLASS AT NORTHUMBERLAND RESIDENTIAL
Monday 9 th October	Peelers Movie Night

Tuesday 10 th October	Whole School DT workshop
Wednesday 11 th October	OAK at Manchester Police Museum
Thursday 12 th October	3.20pm PTA cake sale and pre-loved uniform sale
Thursday 12 th October	6.15pm - 7.45pm School Disco
Friday 13 th October	9.00am Family Assembly
Tuesday 17 th October	OPEN DAY
Friday 20 th October	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 31 st October	2.30pm Parent Forum
Thursday 2 nd November	2.00pm onwards: Parent's Evening in school for all classes
Thursday 9 th November	9.00am AGM PTA meeting in school – (plus planning meeting for Christmas Fair)
Thursday 9 th November	1.00pm Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 th November	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 1 st December	6.30pm - 8.00pm PTA Christmas Fair
December	Acorns and Willow Christmas Nativity – date TBC
Monday 4 th December	Peelers Christmas Craft Night
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 7 th December	2.30pm: Parent Forum
Friday 8 th December	9.30am Christmas Panto for children in school
WC Monday 11 th December	Christmas parties
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol concert 7.00pm in Church – BEECH and OAK Class
December 2023 TBC	School Choir singing at Bury Market
Friday 15 th December	9.00am Family Assembly
Wednesday 20 th December	2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS
Thursday 4 th January	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM
Tuesday 9 th January	OPEN DAY
Tuesday 9 th January	2.30pm Parent Forum

Wednesday 24 th January	6.00pm: SATs information evening for Year 6 parents
Friday 26 th January	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 1 st February	9.00am PTA meeting in school – planning meeting for Valentines Disco
Wednesday 7 th February	2.30pm Parent Forum
Thursday 8 th February	3.20pm PTA Cake sale and pre-loved uniform sale
Sunday 11 th February	11:00am to 12:00pm Celebration Sunday in Church
Friday 16 th February	6.15pm – 7.45pm PTA Disco
Friday 16 th February	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Monday 26 th February	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM
Thursday 29 th February	2.30pm Parent Forum
Friday 1 st March	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 7 th March	2.00pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes
Friday 22 nd March	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	2.15pm Easter Service in Church (Maundy Thursday)
Thursday 28 th March	3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 15 th April	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM
Thursday 25 th April	9.00am: PTA meeting – Spring Fair planning meeting
Friday 26 th April	9.00am Family Assembly
Tuesday 30 th April	2.30pm Parent Forum
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
WC Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 16 th May	3.20pm PTA Cake and pre-loved uniform sale
Saturday 18 th May	1.00pm – 3.00pm PTA Spring Fair
Tuesday 21 st May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Friday 24 th May	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 24 th May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR MAY HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June	SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 5 th June	2.30pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 11 th June	6.00pm New pre-school and Reception Information Evening
Wednesday 26 th June	Well-being Wednesday
Wednesday 19 th June	Acorns Sports Day in school
TBC	Transition days for Y6
Friday 28 th June	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 4 th July	2.30pm Parent Forum
TBC	OAK Class End of Year Show
TBC	Year 6 Reward Trip
TBC	Year 6 Leaver's Meal
TBC	Leavers' Service in Church
Thursday 18 th July	2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR SUMMER
Friday 19 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY