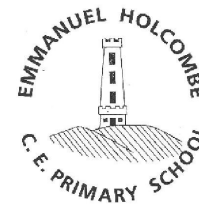


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

December 2023

GENERAL UPDATE



Life in school is extremely busy as we approach Christmas!

The children have been practising hard for both their KS1 Christmas Nativity shows, and the KS2 Carol Service. They will all be wonderful productions. The Choir will be singing in Bury Market on Friday 15th December at 10:30am. Please support us if you can.

Thank you to parents and children for all your support for our charity appeals this term. Children in Need, raised £116.20 and NSPCC Christmas Jumper raised £52.60

Congratulations to our chess players; Jonah, Noah, Zara, Nina, Maisie and Harriet who did really well in their Chess Tournament at Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School.

UPDATE ON THE LAND: We have been working hard to complete the land at the back of school, ready for us to use in the new year. We are just waiting for quotes for a fence at the top back corner, so that the land will be completely secure. We have also arranged for one of our staff to become a Level 3 Forest School Leader. The training starts in March and on completion of the qualification, we will be able to run our own Emmanuel Holcombe Forest School!

CAROL CONCERT

Our school carol concert will take place on Tuesday 12th December. The service will involve BEECH and OAK Class, and the Choir, (which includes some Year 2 pupils). The concert will start at 7:00pm and will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Tickets are not issued for this event and we hope that you are able to join us for this special occasion.

CHRISTMAS THEME WEEK

We are very excited to announce that the week commencing Monday 18th December we will be having a whole school Christmas Theme week, based on a famous Christmas book! We are asking that children come to school in pyjamas, dressing gowns, sensible footwear and a coat on Monday 18th December.

Due to the range of activities planned in these last three days, please note there is **NOT** a Toy Day on the last day. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

As part of our book based theme week, our KS1 and KS2 parties are being held on Wednesday 20th December in the morning:

The children are able to come to school in their party clothes, but please remember when selecting what they wear that the children will be playing out at break and lunch time. This means they will need **suitable footwear and a warm coat**.

The children will be given a small selection of party food. We would appreciate it if you could send in a contribution of £1 to help cover the cost.

PRESCHOOL PLACES

Preschool September 2024 - We are delighted to have received a number of Preschool applications for September 2024 and these will be reviewed against the admissions criteria on 1st March. If there are spaces available after this, they will be offered on a first-come-first serve basis up until July. In-year applications will be accepted from September 2024 onwards, but only if there are spaces available. If you are thinking of sending a sibling to Preschool in September 2024, and you have not yet completed an application, please give this some consideration.

Reception 2024 - We have also received lots of interest in Reception places for September 2024. Please remember that you will need to apply for a Reception place, even if your child is already in our Preschool.

Preschool Current Academic Year - Finally, if your child is eligible for Preschool this academic year, we only have a small number of places still available, so please contact the office if you would like any further information.

If you have any questions about Preschool or Reception places and wish to discuss the process, please contact the Office Monday to Wednesday.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We wish to remind parents that school dinners are payable **in advance** and prompt payment is essential. You can choose to pay either weekly, monthly or for a half term. For those of you who wish to pay up to February half term, the amount required is **£80.00**. You can request a current balance from the school office for an exact amount.

Early in the new year we will be switching online payments to the **SchoolMoney app or website**. This is a change to our previous online payment system and a separate letter will be issued. For the present please continue to pay through Bury MBC.

The price of a school meal is £2.50 per day. Please remember that **1 weeks notice** is required if changing from dinners to sandwiches or vice versa. Please notify the school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL MILK

Please can we remind parents in Reception that free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive school milk, simply register online at www.coolmilk.com and make a payment. If you pay by Tuesday 5pm, your child's milk will start the following week.

If your child is five or older, you can register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com to start receiving milk.

CONTACT DETAILS

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/carers when necessary.

REMINDER

School closes on Wednesday 20th December at 2:30pm.

Peelers will operate from 2:30pm to 5:00pm

And finally may we take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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.**

2023

Friday 8th December	9.30am Christmas Panto for children in school
Tuesday 12th December	Carol concert 7.00pm in Church – BEECH and OAK Class
Wednesday 13th December	Acorn and Willow Christmas Nativity
Friday 15th December	School Choir singing at Bury Market
Friday 15 th December	9.00am Family Assembly
Wednesday 20 th December	KS1 and KS2 Christmas parties
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
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
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
Tuesday 13th February	2.30pm Parent Forum
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
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
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
Monday 20th May	2.30pm Parent Forum
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
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
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 CLOSSES FOR SUMMER
Friday 19 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY