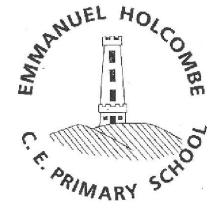


# Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



**Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.**

**October 2023**

## EMMANUEL HOLCOMBE PTA

Thank you to all those who supported the Welcome Walk on Friday 22nd September and to the members of the PTA who helped organise the event. It was lovely to see so many of our 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 PTA 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 would really like to develop the back area of our playground.

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 monthly amount to the school, which can be used to help towards any future building work.

If you feel that you could make a small contribution of £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.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Bury Council have changed their policy for charging for school meals as follows; if your child has chosen a school meal and then subsequently leaves school for whatever reason after 10:30am, then you will be charged for that meal on that day. The reason for this change is that by 10:30am the meal is already being prepared.

## FRUIT SNACK

The Government provides a piece of fruit for every child in ACORN and Willow 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 Anaphalaxis. 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.

## MILK



We would like to remind you that if your child is **over 5 years** of age and would like milk, you can register your child at ANY time .

### How to register

[Register](http://www.coolmilk.com) and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

You can pay Cool Milk either online, or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.

Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week

If you have any questions regarding school milk, please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248. More information on milk is also available from the school office.

## 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 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 cost-effective 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.

The next cake and uniform sale is Thursday 12th October.

## OPEN DAY

We will be holding an Open Day for all parents, Grandparents and prospective parents on Tuesday 17th October. 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 that are operating this half term are listed below. For clubs that run during the school day at lunchtimes, children are encouraged to sign up and parent consent is not required.

	Lunchtime Clubs	Afterschool
Monday	Years 3 to 6 Chess Club Digital Leaders	
Tuesday	Years 2 to 6 Choir	
Wednesday		
Thursday		Years 1 to 3 KS1 Archery
Friday	Years 5 to 6 Cross Country	Years 3 to 6 KS2 Golf

# PTA

# Family Disco

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
6.15pm - 7:30pm

In the school hall

Sweets & drinks, snacks,  
face painting, & much more

Children must be accompanied by an adult

# 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

Thurs 5th Oct – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BEECH CLASS AT NORTHUMBERLAND RESIDENTIAL
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Peelers Movie Night
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<del>Whole School DT workshop</del> moved to November
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	OAK at Manchester Police Museum
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.20pm PTA cake sale and pre-loved uniform sale
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	6.15pm - 7.30pm School Disco
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am Family Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	OPEN DAY
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	2.30pm Parent Forum
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	2.00pm onwards: Parent's Evening in school for all classes
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am <b>AGM</b> PTA meeting in school – (plus planning meeting for Christmas Fair)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	1.00pm Flu Vaccinations
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Whole School DT workshop</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	6.30pm - 8.00pm PTA Christmas Fair
December	Acorns and Willow Christmas Nativity – date TBC
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Peelers Christmas Craft Night
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm: Parent Forum
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Panto for children in school
WC Monday 11th December	Christmas parties

Tuesday 12th December	Carol concert 7.00pm in Church – <b>BEECH and OAK</b> Class
December 2023 TBC	School Choir singing at Bury Market
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am Family Assembly
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	OPEN DAY
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm Parent Forum
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	6.00pm: SATs information evening for Year 6 parents
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9.00am PTA meeting in school – planning meeting for Valentines Disco
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm Parent Forum
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	3.20pm PTA Cake sale and pre-loved uniform sale
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am to 12:00pm Celebration Sunday in Church
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	6.15pm – 7.45pm PTA Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm Parent Forum
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm Easter Service in Church (Maundy Thursday)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am: PTA meeting – Spring Fair planning meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Family Assembly
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm Parent Forum
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>

WC Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	3.20pm PTA Cake and pre-loved uniform sale
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	1.00pm – 3.00pm PTA Spring Fair
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR MAY HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm New pre-school and Reception Information Evening
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Well-being Wednesday
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Acorns Sports Day in school
TBC	Transition days for Y6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY