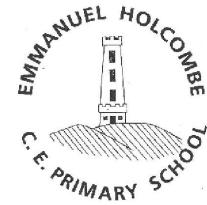


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

November 2023

WELCOME

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable time and your children are now ready for another action packed half term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout Autumn 1.

With the nights drawing in and the festive season just around the corner, our thoughts are turning towards Christmas and the exciting activities we have in store. Please make a note of the dates and times.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For those parents who kindly buy staff a Christmas present, we would like to ask that this year you help us support RAFT instead. The RAFT foundation was formed in Rossendale, to assist communities, families and individuals who are in crisis. This year they are launching a campaign to provide children in need with a pair of Christmas pjs. If you feel able, please could you buy a pair of pjs for a child aged between 3 and 11 and bring them into school? We are always immensely grateful for your generous gifts, but with the cost of living crisis and as a Christian school, we feel that it is important to recognise the needs of others at this time.

SNOW DISRUPTIONS



The clocks going back this week reminds us that winter is on the way. We are keeping our fingers crossed for minimum disruptions due to snow over the next few months. However, in the event of heavy snow we will notify you by text any decisions regarding school closure.

Please could we also request, as the temperature starts to dip, that children remember to bring in named hats and gloves to keep them warm on the playground.



DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING

We have been asked to remind parents and carers to avoid parking in front of neighbouring garages and entrances and blocking access. Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines when dropping off or picking up your child. The safety of our children is paramount.



We know that parking near school at drop off and pick up can be problematic. The following tips may be helpful:

The police have advised the school that parking on the pavement is permitted provided you leave room for a double pram or buggy.

Please park sensibly to avoid obstructing the flow of traffic (especially where the road has been narrowed). Thank you for your co-operation in this.

PARENT FORUM

We are looking for your feedback on our Parent Forum meetings. Parent Forum currently runs once a month, rotating each month between a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. We are noticing a reduction in the number of agenda items and in the number of parents attending and therefore, we would like to propose that Parent Forum runs once a term. We would then continue to run additional parent workshops on various topics e.g. Online Safety, Phonics, SEND. If you have any comments or suggestions about this proposed change, please could you email the office?



POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Pupils can now purchase a poppy or other merchandise in school from the Year 6 pupils at break time. There are poppies, wrist bands and rulers. We are suggesting a donation of £1.00 for each.

PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 3rd November at 3.30pm in school. All are welcome to the meeting. Please come along to support our PTA and help contribute to our school.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We are hoping to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children (if they wish) may come to school in non uniform of which one item is yellow or spotty (be it socks or t-shirt) with a £1.00 donation for this charity.



CHRISTMAS FAIR—FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

Our Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 1st December—starting at 6.30pm in school. We require donations for the Fair to ensure that it is a success. Please look out for forthcoming letters from the PTA with their requests. Your help is needed to make the event a success. As always, we are grateful to our PTA for their hard work in supporting our school.

In return for donations to the Fair, the children can come into school in non uniform on Friday 1st December.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Wednesday 6th December** we will be supporting the 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day.

If you would like to dress up in your festive knitwear, please bring in £1 to donate to this charity. Please do not go to any trouble or expense for this day, either borrow or decorate a jumper you already have with tinsel, baubles or anything else seasonal. Please however, wear school trousers, skirts and shoes.



CAROL SERVICE

We will be holding our Annual KS2 Carol Service on Tuesday 12th December at 7pm in Emmanuel Church. All pupils in Beech Class, Oak Class (and any Year 2 children who are in our choir), will be involved in this service. We would love you to join us for this service. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

ACORN and WILLOW NATIVITY

This year Acorn and Willow Classes will have separate Christmas shows.



Acorn Class will be performing a production entitled "The Christmas Story", which will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 1:15pm in the school hall.

Willow Class will be performing a production entitled "The Inn-spectors" which will also take place on Wednesday 13th December but at 2:10pm in the school hall.



Every year we look forward to and are proud of our KS1 nativities.

Further information about the shows and the tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Our annual church service, Celebration Sunday, which involves the whole school will take place on Sunday 11th February at 11:00am. This service is a long established tradition and brings the church and the school together in celebration of our school. Each class leads a different part of the service. All families are encouraged to join us for this important event. Please make a note of this date in your diary.

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 3rd November	9.00am AGM PTA meeting in school – (plus planning meeting for Christmas Fair)
Thursday 9 th November	1.00pm Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 23rd November	Whole School DT workshop
Friday 24 th November	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 1 st December	6.30pm - 8.00pm PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 4 th December	Peelers Christmas Craft Night
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
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
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	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 CLOSURES 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 CLOSURES 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 CLOSURES 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 CLOSSES FOR SUMMER
Friday 19 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY