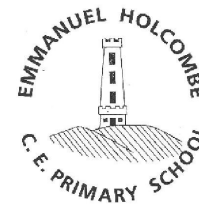


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

December 2022

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 both be wonderful productions. The Choir will be singing in Bury Market on Wednesday 14th December at 1:30pm. Please support us if you can.

Thank you to parents and children for all your support for our charity appeals this term. Jeans4Genes raised £86.60 and our latest, Children in Need, raised £84.70.

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who competed in appalling conditions last Thursday. Pupils who took part were: Ellie, Elliot, Emily, Emma, Fraser, Harriet, Leo, Noah and Taylor. Also congratulations to our chess players; Ayaan, Leo, Lucas, Luke, Sasha and Ted who did really well in their Chess Tournament at Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS

In the last newsletter, we suggested that instead of buying staff a Christmas present you could possibly make a donation to a food bank. Any donated food and toiletries will be gratefully received and will be taken by Oak Class pupils to Christ Church Ramsbottom Pantry on Thursday 8th December, where pupils will learn about the food bank.

Suggested items are:

Tinned meals	Instant mash
Tinned pies or stews	Biscuits
Tinned curry or chilli	Sweets
Tinned rice pudding	Jam
Tinned fruit	Cordial or fruit juice
Boil in the bag rice	Toilet rolls
Super noodles	Cleaning products

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY

Reminder: On **Wednesday 7th 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.



CHRISTMAS THEME WEEK

We are very excited to announce that the week commencing Monday 12th December we will be having a whole school Christmas Theme week, based on a famous Christmas book! A letter will be going out to parents with further details, however, due to the range of activities planned, please note there is **NOT** a Toy Day on the last day. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our KS1 and KS2 parties are being held on different days:

ACORN and WILLOW Classes will be holding their Christmas party on the afternoon of **Tuesday 13th December**, with BEECH and OAK Classes on the afternoon of **Thursday 15th December**.

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. Please could you send a contribution of £1 to help cover the cost.

CAROL CONCERT

Our school carol concert will take place on Tuesday 13th 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.

GREENMOUNT ADVENT WINDOWS

Advent windows has returned again to Greenmount. This link will take you to a map of the Advent Windows for you to walk round and enjoy.

<https://www.greenmountvillage.org.uk/latest/>



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. Payments can be made online to School Meals. The price of a school meal is £2.40 per day. Cost per week for school dinners is **£12.00**. For those of you who wish to pay up to Spring Half Term 2023, the amount required is **£81.60**. You can request a current balance for your child from the school office for an exact amount.

Please remember that **1 weeks notice** is required if changing from dinners to sandwiches or vice versa. Please notify the school office. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY DATE

The King's Coronation is taking place on 6th May 2023, therefore there is an additional bank holiday on **8th May 2023** for England and Wales. We have updated our school calendar to reflect this. Please note this is Year 6 SATS week. We will share more information with you nearer the time. There is a SATS information evening on Wed 11th Jan at 6:30pm.

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/carer when necessary.

REMINDER

School closes on Friday 16th 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'

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

Friday 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fair – 6:30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Acorn and Willow Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2:30pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8 th December	Acorn and Willow Christmas Nativity Performance 2:30pm
Friday 9 th December	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Panto for children in school
Tuesday 13 th December	Acorn and Willow Christmas party.
Tuesday 13 th December	Carol concert 7.00pm in Church – BEECH and OAK Class
Wednesday 14 th December	School Choir singing at Bury Market
Thursday 15 th December	Beech and Oak Christmas party.
Thursday 15 th December	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Friday 16 th December	SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR CHRISTMAS closes at 2.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM
Tuesday 10 th January	PTA Meeting – 3.20pm in school
Wednesday 11 th January	SATS Information Evening
Friday 27 th January	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 27 th January	PTA Meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
Friday 3 rd February	PTA Disco 6.30 - 8.00pm
Thursday 9 th February	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Sunday 12 th February	Celebration Sunday in Church - 11:00am to 12:00pm
W/C 13 th February	Week of Music and Culture
Friday 17 th February	OAK Class Viking Workshop in school

Friday 17 th February	Family Assembly – 2.30pm – with Whole School Performance
Friday 17 th February	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Monday 27 th February	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 28 th February	BEECH Class Ancient Egyptian Workshop Bolton Museum
Wednesday 1 st March	Parent’s Evening – Face to Face – Willow, Beech & Oak
Tuesday 7th March	Bridgewater Hall – Beech & Oak
Tuesday 7 th March	PTA meeting – 3.20pm in school
Friday 24 th March	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 24 th March	PTA meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
Thursday 30th March	‘ Magic Flute’ Performance at Bury MET (KS2)
Thursday 30 th March	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Friday 31 st March	Easter service 2:15pm in Church
Friday 31 st March	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS at 3.20pm
Monday 17 th April	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM
Tuesday 25 th April	PTA Meeting – 3.20pm in school
Friday 28 th April	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 28 th April	PTA Meeting –3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th May	SATS Week
Friday 12 th May	PTA Spring Fair 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 18 th May	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Friday 26 th May	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 26 th May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM (change from previously published)
Tuesday 6 th June	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 13 th June	BEECH CLASS Jewish Museum Workshop ‘Festivals & Feasts’
Tuesday 13 th June	OAK Class Visit to a Hindu Temple (Shree Swaminarayan Mandir)

Tuesday 13 th June	PTA meeting – 3.20pm in school
TBC June	Move up day and Woodhey transition day
Friday 30 th June	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 30 th June	PTA Meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
TBC	OAK Class End of Year Show
TBC	Year 6 Reward Trip
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leaver’s Meal
Thursday 20 th July	Leavers’ Service 1:15pm in Church
Thursday 20 th July	SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR SUMMER at 2:30pm (change from previously published)
Friday 21 st July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

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