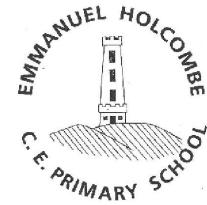


# Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



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

**February 2023**

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Our annual church service, Celebration Sunday, which involves the whole school will take place on Sunday 12th 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. **An additional letter has gone out this week.**

## MUSIC AND CULTURE WEEK

We are delighted that the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding a week of 'Music and Culture' at Emmanuel Holcombe called 'Believe in Yourself'. The idea is that children will participate in a range of music lessons and activities, exploring music from across the world. Katie Geelan, an experienced music teacher, will be leading this theme week, which will culminate in a whole school performance for parents on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm. This is in replacement of the Family Assembly. We hope you will be able to join us!

## WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 2nd March we shall be celebrating World Book Day for a day of literary fun. All pupils are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character. Please use any clothes that you have at home (it is not necessary to buy anything special).

The main aim of this day is to encourage and introduce children to the pleasures of books and reading.

Each child will be given a voucher so they can get a book of their own. The £1 book token can then be swapped for one of the completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or can be used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook. (Please check with your bookseller first).

## SNACK

The Government provides a piece of fruit for every child in EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes. Therefore, pupils in Acorn and Willow **do not** need to bring in their own snack for morning break. However, if they wish to, Doctors advise that GRAPES and CHERRY TOMATOES, are chopped in half or ideally quartered, as these are a common cause of food related choking incidents in under 5s.

At Key Stage 2, pupils who wish to have a snack at morning break can bring a healthy snack, such as fruit, fresh vegetables, plain popcorn, plain breadsticks, plain crackers, or plain rice cakes. We ask parents to check any 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. Thank you for your support with this.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would appreciate it if all items of clothing could be clearly labelled so that they stay with the correct owner. The LOST PROPERTY box in the Office Reception is overflowing. Please could you come and check this box if your child has lost an item of clothing.

In the interest of safety, practicality and hygiene, long hair (ie shoulder length or longer) MUST be tied back during school hours. We thank those pupils who have been tying their hair back and ask that everyone else (with long hair) adheres to this. Stud earrings must be removed for PE. If your child finds it difficult to remove these themselves please ensure earrings are not worn on PE days or cover them with surgical tape. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## 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 now **£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.

## 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.

## PEELERS

We are currently reviewing our Peelers booking system, with the aim of making it more user friendly. We will keep you fully informed about any developments as we move forward.

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If any of our parents are planning to embark on Teacher Assistant or Teacher training and would like some work experience as part of their course, please contact the school office.

## LAND AT THE REAR OF SCHOOL

As you will be aware, the land at the back of school was developed some time ago. We are waiting for external contractors to fully complete the project and for the land to be declared fit for purpose. We will keep you updated with any developments going forward.

## 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 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



# 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.**

### 2023

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	PTA Disco 6.30 - 8.00pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>OAK Class Viking Workshop in school</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Celebration Sunday in Church - 11:00am to 12:00pm</b>
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Week of Music and Culture
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Assembly – 2.30pm – with Whole School Performance
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	BEECH Class Ancient Egyptian Workshop Bolton Museum
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents' Forum 9:00am in school</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening – Face to Face – <b>Willow, Beech &amp; Oak</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Acorn and Willow – VR Space Workshop</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bridgewater Hall – Beech & Oak
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA meeting – 3.20pm in school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	' Magic Flute' Performance at Bury MET (KS2)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents' Forum 9:00am in school</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter service 2:15pm in Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS at 3.20pm</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM</b>

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Meeting – 3.20pm in school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Meeting –3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents’ Forum 9:00am in school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Spring Fair 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Cake Sale – 3.20pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM</b> (change from previously published)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents’ Forum 9:00am in school
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	BEECH CLASS Jewish Museum Workshop ‘Festivals & Feasts’
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	OAK Class Visit to a Hindu Temple (Shree Swaminarayan Mandir)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA meeting – 3.20pm in school
TBC June	Move up day and Woodhey transition day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Assembly – 2.50pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Meeting – 3.20pm (after Family Assembly)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents’ Forum 9:00am in school
TBC	OAK Class End of Year Show
TBC	Year 6 Reward Trip
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver’s Meal
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers’ Service 1:15pm in Church
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR SUMMER at 2:30pm</b> (change from previously published)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY</b>