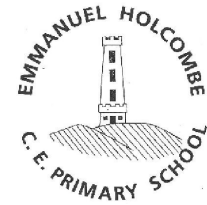


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

February 2024

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. **An additional letter has gone out this week.**

MUSIC WEEK—THE MAGIC OF MUSICALS

We are delighted that the week commencing Monday 5th February, will be our music week led by Katie Geelan. A letter about this event has already been issued to parents.

This week will culminate in a whole school performance for parents on Friday 9th February at 2:00pm. We hope you will be able to join us!

WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 7th 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). Willow Class will be out that morning and are encouraged to dress as a character from a fairy tale. A separate letter has gone out to parents of Willow Class.

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).

SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who competed in the Bury Schools Cross Country Event at Goshen Sports Village on 12th January. Pupils who took part were: Oliver, Jonah, Lucas, Zara, Ellie, Noah, Nina B, Emily, Annie M and Aubrey. In particular, huge congratulations to Annie M who has been invited to compete at Greater Manchester Schools Cross Country Championships.

Also congratulations to our football players; Ted, Jonah, Lucas, Noah, Nina B, Annie M, Oliver B and Zara who did really well in their tournament at The Cliff Training Ground on 25th January.



CHOIR

Katie Geelan runs a Youth Choir, called the Encore Choir, for pupils in Year 5 upwards. The choir runs every Tuesday 4:30pm to 5:30pm at The Fire Centre in Bury. Children are invited to attend two weeks of taster sessions. Please contact Linda at encorefirechoir@gmail.com if your child is interested in joining.

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.

All 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 an 'ALLERGEN AWARE' 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.

Please can we make a polite reminder that pupils are to wear black, grey, navy or white trainers on PE days and black shoes on all other days. Please use this link for full details of our uniform

<https://www.emmanuelholcombprimaryschool.com/school-uniform>

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.

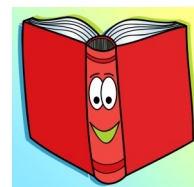
ONLINE PAYMENTS



We are gradually moving our online payments over to the SCHOOL MONEY app or website. Currently, the items you can pay for through School Money are Peelers, School Dinners, School Bags and Year 6 SATs books. Please read your letters carefully when asked for a payment. Eventually, all online payments will be made through School Money. We will keep you fully informed about this.

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 NATIONAL COLLEGE

We are excited to announce that Emmanuel Holcombe has partnered with The National College as a school training provider. Not only do they provide training for school staff but also share useful content for parents / carers on how to keep their children safe online. Parents can download the app called National Online Safety and access free content to keep them informed. We will also share regular guides with parents, starting this week with a guide they produced at Christmas, on how to set up new devices safely.

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.**

2024

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| 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 7th March | Willow Class – Greater Manc Music Hub Workshop, Salford |
| Thursday 7 th March | 2.00pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes |
| Tuesday 12th March | Beech Class – Anglo-Saxon Workshop |
| Tuesday 19th March | Oak Class – Drama & Dance Workshop, Lowry |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| Tuesday 18 th June | Year 6 – Manc Cathedral Leavers Service |
| Wednesday 19 th June | Beech Class – Crowden Valley |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Well-being Wednesday |
| Wednesday 19 th June | Acorns Sports Day in school |
| Friday 28 th June | 9.00am Family Assembly |
| Tues 2 nd & Wed 3 rd July | Transition days for Y6 - Woodhey |
| 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 |