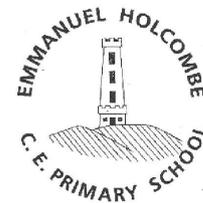


# Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



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

**October 2021**

## EMMANUEL HOLCOMBE PTA

Thank you to all those who supported the Welcome Walk on Friday 17th September and to Mrs Bowler, Mrs Thew and other members of the PTA who helped organise the event. It was lovely to see so many of our new families.

The PTA at Emmanuel 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 social events organised by the PTA create part of the welcoming family environment that we all love about Emmanuel.

Over the past few years, the PTA have raised over £12,000 to support the development of the outdoor learning space behind school, the new EYFS outside area, the equipment for the new outdoor area and a new fixed canopy for EYFS to ensure that they can be outside despite the weather. The PTA also donate money each year to classes to enhance the provision that we can provide and support class trips. Without the hard work and dedication of these parents, school would not be able to provide the education we currently do- we are hugely grateful to them all.

Several members of the PTA have served in main roles for many years and now feel that the time is right to step down, although we are glad that they will still remain on the PTA committee. We are looking for new parents/ grandparents to join our team. You don't need to have any specific skills- just a desire to get involved and support school.

The next PTA meeting is the AGM and will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We would love to see as many of you there as we would hate for this fantastic part of our school to fizzle out.

## BAGS2SCHOOL



Reminder to bring in your unwanted good quality second hand clothing on Monday 11th October by 9:00am. If it is not raining, all bags to left by the cellar door against the wall. All money raised will benefit the school.

## OPEN DAY

We will be holding an Open Day for all parents, Grandparents and prospective parents on Thursday 14th October. This is an opportunity for you to come and see the school in action and what the children are learning. You will be given a guided tour round the classes by a member of Year 6.

We are offering two drop-in sessions: 9:30 – 11:45am  
(no appointment necessary) 1:30 – 3:20pm

Please come to see us. We'd love to see you and show off our school.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 15th October. All children will have an individual photograph taken and, if it applies, one with their sibling(s) if they are currently on the school register.

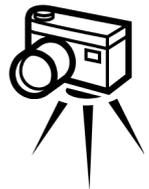
Should you wish your child to have a photograph taken with a younger sibling (who does not attend school), please bring them into school from 8:55am onwards. These photographs will be taken first, before the individual photos which are completed class by class after registration.

Proof cards and payment details will be sent home and orders for the photographs can be placed online with the photographer.

## PARENTS' EVENING and BOOK FAIR

Parents' Evening for Years 1 to 6 will be held on Wednesday 17th November. Letters will be sent out in the next week.

Our Book Fair has been scheduled to coincide with Parents' Evenings. We will, once again be selling a wide range of high quality books suitable for all ages. The Book Fair commission enables us to add to our reading resources for all pupils.



## DROPPING OFF and COLLECTING



Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours at the beginning and end of the school day. We've had reports from our neighbours of near misses, particularly when turning round by reversing into Higher Barn Farm's drive. In addition, please avoid parking in front of neighbouring garages and entrances and blocking access.

Furthermore, please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines when dropping off or picking up your child. The safety of our children and crossing patrol person is paramount.

## 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 **£6.50** and the KS2 bag is **£6.75**. Once you have made the payment we will send the book bag home with your child.



**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY ALERT TO**  
**THE SYMPTOMS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE OR**  
**NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR**  
**LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT**  
**CONTROL**  
**THE VIRUS**  
**SAVE LIVES**

## HADRIAN'S WALL TRIP

Beech Class enjoyed a wonderful two day residential to Hadrian's Wall and Vindolanda Fort. The children learned lots about the Romans and enjoyed the opportunity to be with their friends! Thank you to all of our children and families for a truly memorable adventure!



## GREAT FIRE OF LONDON THEME DAY

Willow Class had a fantastic day going back in time to London 1666.

