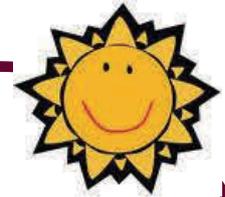




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NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2/2018



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope you enjoy reading the activities and news of the many amazing activities the pupils have been involved in and experienced. It would be remiss not to mention the weather - in some cases very welcome and in some cases less so! I only hope the sun continues to shine on everyone throughout the holiday.

Thank you to our pupils who have worked so hard this year; many achieving things they thought were not possible. Thank you to my totally committed team who guide pupils in their learning and supporting them grow as individuals.

Finally, thank you for your support and faith in us. The year got off to a tricky start but we have finished it in very good shape and excited about the future. For now though, I hope you all have a great summer break and wish all those pupils who are leaving us the best of luck and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kind regards,

Rob Christopher

SCHOOL FINISHES

Please note pupils finish on Wednesday 25th
July at 1.30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 5th
September 2018



LOST PROPERTY

School shoes, football boots, trainers, coats, school jumpers, PE kit, shin pads, football bags, water bottles, pencil cases, etc etc!! all with NO NAMES.
Items will be placed on tables within the school from Tuesday 24th July for collection. All items not claimed will either be donated to charity or recycled.
If you are missing any items, please ask your child to check lost property or feel free to come in and have a look.



Year 7 Ferndown Upper School Activity Day Trip

The day started with a short assembly telling us what we would be doing during the day and meeting four of the sixth form prefects. We then travelled to Ferndown Upper School on two coaches.

When we arrived we had to line up and get sorted into ten groups made up of pupils from various schools. I was in group four with some of my friends.

After that we had a brief assembly welcoming us and showing us a timetable of what different activities we would be doing. My timetable was trampolining, break time, art, science, lunch then a surprise!

After trampolining we had art where we were recreating artists using toilet paper, scissors and sellotape. My team won the competition and I even made shoes!

Next was science and we had three activities making putty, making rockets using paper, straws and sellotape. We also used a microscope to find out what objects they were.

At lunch we went into the café and we could buy whatever we wanted.

After lunch we went back into the hall and we had a quiz where we had to go around the whole school and find the answers. Then when everyone was done we went back into the hall and we watched a video that summarised all the fun activities. Then it was time to return back to Emmanuel for the end of the school day.

Emily H 7HF

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a morning or afternoon (or even an hour or two) free? Have you ever thought about coming and volunteering at school? If this is something you feel you would like to do please contact the school office for more information.

Before School

We have noticed that several of our pupils are arriving earlier and earlier at school in the mornings (some arriving before 8.00am). Please note that the school does not open until 8.30am (pupils are expected to be in class for 8.40am registration) and there are no staff on duty until that time. We would ask parents to try and ensure that children are not arriving until the school opens at 8.30am. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Ponchaud, Assistant Headteacher/SENDCO



Year 8 Activity Week

For the second year running, the Year 8 activity week proved a popular success! Splash-Down, Paulton's Park, a dinosaur movie, orienteering, laser quest - the list goes on and on! I think that it's fair to say that everyone who took part had a terrific, memorable time.

Can I thank Mrs Childs for negotiating prices that made it inclusive for everyone and also for navigating so much of the background bureaucracy that has become intrinsic to the modern-day school trip.

We'll be looking to fine-tune the itinerary further next year, making the events even more enjoyable.

A 118 photo Power Point slide show has been compiled for the Record of Achievement Assembly. This contains vetted digital images of the pupils taken during the activity week. The Year 8 staff will happily transfer the file onto pupils' memory sticks, before the end of term.

Child Protection

Our designated Child Protection Lead in school is Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo). Deputy Child Protection Leads are Mr Rob Christopher (Head of School) and Mrs Elaine Robertson (Head of Wellbeing). If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact them through the school office.



Second Hand Uniform

If you have any unwanted school uniform the PTFA would be most grateful if you could donate it to be sold to raise funds for the school.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

We are currently changing the provision of these lessons as we will no longer be using Dorset Music Service (although many of the teachers will remain the same). A letter giving details of the lessons will be sent out in September.



SPORTS NEWS

Queen Elizabeth School Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 3rd July a group of year 8 girls had the opportunity to go to Queen Elizabeth School for the morning to take part in a dance workshop. They were able to mix with other pupils from local schools including St. Michael's and Allenbourn ready for moving to QE in September. The girls all thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Sports Leaders

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Sports Leaders this year for all of their hard work and commitment with various activities. They have been a great year group.

Also, thank you to year 7 who helped with the First School sports days. We had some very positive feedback. Well done!

Town Sports Athletics

Well done to all year 7 and 8 who competed at Kings Park on 9th July. There were some amazing performances.

Shannon Doherty - 2nd in Hurdles
Travis Guest - 3rd in 200m
Marshall Gully - 3rd in Discus 2nd in 100m
Oscar Wade - 2nd in 200m
Charlie Wooding - 3rd in 1500m
Sophie Turner - 2nd in 1500m
Emily Adams - 3rd in 100m
Milly Skipp - 1st in 100m
Flik Stratham - 3rd in Hurdles

Well done to everyone.

Mrs N Stocks



EXPLORING - CONNECTING - ENGAGING

I will be launching a new lunch time group for young people in year 7 and 8 who would like to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective.

We will meet on Wednesday at 1pm for half an hour. The first session will be on Wednesday 19th September 2018.

Each week we will watch a short video followed by time for questions and conversations to challenge and reflect on what we have seen. The material will encourage young people to consider their own perspectives on identity purpose and faith.

The material I will use is KLEER, this is “a powerful new curriculum that enables young people to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective using creative multimedia. Each short creative KLEER series video is a blend of presentation, visual storytelling and spoken word poetry followed by thought provoking questions to facilitate learning with young people in any group setting.”

For those who are interested this course can also lead to Confirmation.

I look forward to meeting with those who are interested in coming along. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Rev Deborah Matthews
Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Verwood and All Saints, Three Legged Cross
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HOT SCHOOL MEALS FOR SEPTEMBER

The new menu for the Autumn and Spring Term can be found on the school website together with a copy of the guide to online registering and ordering.

Following a price increase by the provider, the new price for a hot school meal from September 2018 will be **£2.31**.

Orders must be placed via Chartwell's website www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk. Please remember to input your child's new class when you place your order. **Meals for the week commencing Monday 3rd September 2018 must be ordered by Sunday 26th August 2018.** Please remember if you have not ordered by this deadline there will not be a meal in school for your child when we return from the Summer holidays.

PTFA SUMMER FAYRE

The PTFA Summer Fayre raised over £1,800 for the school. Thank you to everyone who attended to support this fantastic event.

One of our Year 8 pupils Shannon Doherty ran a tombola stall at the PTFA's Summer Fayre and raised an amazing £305.60 for Pancreatic Cancer UK. Shannon had lots of help from her siblings (Samantha and Daniel) and also her school friends (Erin, Will, Lewis and Alife). Well done to you all!



Foodbank Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to the foodbank collection last week. The items were collected on Monday morning by representatives from Ringwood Foodbank. We collected 168kg of food which is enough to feed 16 people 3 meals for 3 days.



Staff News

At the end of this term we say a sad farewell to Mrs Neill, Mrs Portnell and Mrs Dobson who are retiring after 19, 20 and 10 years at Emmanuel. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and commitment during their time at Emmanuel. I know they will be deeply missed by staff and pupils alike. In September we welcome Mrs Weir, Head of Year 5 and Mrs Richardson, Year 5 tutor.

In the Arts

I am really excited to have been trained as an Arts Award Advisor and even more excited to be able to offer this fantastic qualification, that supports young people to grow as artists and art leaders, to EMS pupils next year.

The Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England.

Watch this space!

Mrs K Thompson, Head of Art

Vacancy

There will be a vacancy advertised through Verwood First School for someone to work on the school gate between 8.15am to 8.45am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

If you are interested in this post, please look out for the advert on the First School website/Dorsetforyou.



YEAR 5 SWANAGE TRIP

On Thursday 13th June, we went to Swanage. We have been studying it in Humanities. We got on the coach and drove to Norden railway station. We then got the steam train and had our snack. On the train journey, I noticed Corfe Castle on the hill and lots of fields. I also saw animals like sheep, horses and cows.

We got to the train at Swanage and walked in our groups through the town. The shops in Swanage are different to Verwood because they are smaller and more crowded. They sold lots of postcards, jewellery, buckets and spades.

At the seafront, we saw the sea, birds, rocks with moss on top, seaweed and beautiful flowers on the edge of the path.

We walked to the Downs and had our lunch which was really fun. After lunch, we walked along the woodland trail which led us to the Ranger's talk. I saw lots of trees and cliffs on the way. It was really interesting when the Ranger talked to us. I found out that guillemots were breeding at the edge of the cliff.

We then walked along the coastal path to the globe, it was HUGE!! We could see that some people had carved their names in the stone. When we got to the visitor's centre, we were allowed to go to the shop and I bought a beautiful necklace.

The best bit of the day was lunch and the woodlands walk. I liked the walk because it was calming and fun and I enjoyed lunch because we all sat together.

By Lilly W, 5ER

Year 7 French Residential (March 2019)

The decision has been made, although we did not reach 50 requests for places, for the French residential to go ahead in March next year. Therefore, if you have sent in a deposit your child has a place on the trip. As this decision was only made last week there will be a change to the payment schedule provided in the initial letter. Payments requests will be sent out via the ParentMail system.



CRICKET - THE REGIONAL FINAL

On Thursday 12th June our Kwik Cricket squad of 9 (Zack, Deyann, Charlie T, Harry S, Jay S, Owen W, Ben S, Adam B and Theo L) went to Bristol Grammar School to compete in the Kwik Cricket Regional Finals.

When we arrived we were assigned to a pitch where we would play our games. First we played the school from Buckinghamshire. We batted first and posted a score of 255 only losing 1 wicket. They came out to bat. In the first over Zack took a triple wicket maiden (he took 3 wickets and no runs were scored). We ended up taking 10 wickets reducing them to 187.

In the next game we played against the school from the Isle of Wight (New Church). Again we won the toss and chose to bat first. We cruised our way to an even higher score of 264 again losing 1 wicket. In reply New Church struggled to put up a fight losing wickets at crucial times. Despite their fight, they finished on 229 losing 3 wickets. We topped our group with 2 wins.

In the third game we played against Cornwall champions to try and secure first place. Losing the toss we were put to bowl first. A strong battling display meant that we had to fight for victory as they scored 262 with no wickets lost. We fought strong but had to face defeat scoring 253 with one wicket lost.

For the final game we played the school from Hampshire. For a chance to win the tournament we needed to win against Knightwood. Winning the toss, we batted first and posted 261 losing 2 wickets. They needed some power hitting to win against us. They were going strong but lost quite a few wickets. In the end they put together a score of 249 losing 4 crucial wickets.

Unfortunately, St Hilary (Cornwall) had beaten Knightwood. For us this was disappointing as it meant St Hilary would win the tournament. Heartbroken we had to watch St Hilary lift the trophy. We knew we had done extremely well and had to take all of the positives out of our journey.

Deyann and Zack



YEAR 5 NEWS

It has been a fantastic 2017-2018 in Year 5. Since September, we have seen huge increases in progress in all curriculum areas with many children now working at their age related expected level or beyond at Greater Depth. This is down to most children striving to achieve agreed targets on a daily basis. The Year 5 team has also seen heightened levels of confidence, maturity and personal organisation across the year group. Observing the children change and develop over the year has been a real privilege.

We have been on fun and interesting trips this term from the very interesting (and smelly!) Bournemouth Sewage Treatment Plant to the more recent visit to beautiful Swanage via steam train. The behaviour of the children on both trips was fantastic and they were a credit to the school. We want to say a huge thank-you to the parents who helped out on these trips. Without this adult support, these opportunities would not exist. It has also been fantastic to see the children taking part in extra-curricular activities and representing the school at a variety of events and it was lovely to see so many parents join us for their child's first Emmanuel sports day.

This week, we had a visit from the local librarians and it would be great if you could encourage your child to complete the Dorset Library Reading challenge over the holiday.

Looking ahead to next term, we would like to reassure you that the Year 5 teachers have met with the Year 6 tutors to discuss our classes to ensure the smooth transition across key stage 2. It doesn't seem that long ago, that we were liaising with the first school teachers to find out about the same pupils in year 4- they have all grown a few inches since then!

I would like to thank my colleagues and great friends: Mrs Prestage, Mr Cotton and Mr Brennan for being such a professional and supportive Year 5 team this term. Teaching to the highest standards throughout the heat wave to hot and sweaty 9 and 10 year olds has been a real challenge! I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Head of Year and look forward to teaching some of the pupils again when they get to KS3.

Finally, the Year 5 team would like to thank you the parents/carers for your support, and wish all the children a super summer break.

Mrs Robertson
Head of Year 5



YEAR 6 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that we have reached the end of the academic year! We have all been on such a journey and taking a look back to where we started, we have all accomplished so much. Year 6 marks the end of Key Stage 2 and is a huge turning point for lots of children. We as a team have seen the children mature, become more respectful and far more independent in their learning and decision making. The way they are beginning to conduct themselves around each other and around the school is a real credit to them.

I was so proud to see the children receiving their results this week; they looked at them with a context of how hard they have worked and were pleased with the progress they had made. The way they congratulated others was heart-warming to see; the encouragement of each other to see the positives when it could be easier to focus on the perceived negatives was a real strength of our current Year 6 children.

I truly believe that the children have prepared themselves in the best way possible for their venture into KS3, in whichever school that this may be in. We as a Year 6 team take great pleasure in hearing how the children are getting on in Year 7. Even though some of us will not be in direct contact with them, we have an invested interest in them as individuals and in the rest of their time at Emmanuel; we welcome those moving on to come back and see us and tell us all about their new schools.

As a year group we have had challenges at times, but anything worth it often has, and we have been able to work as a team to get through these times and come out the other side much stronger and more confident individuals.

I wish each and every family a well-earned, fun-filled and restful summer holidays and look forward to seeing lots of grown up faces in September or when they next come back to visit.

Kindest regards,

Miss J Howe
Head of Year 6



YEAR 7 NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are now approaching the end of another School Year. Our current Year 7 pupils will be assuming the mantle of Year 8. With this comes a higher profile within EMS and an assumed greater degree of maturity and responsibility.

The pupils will become role models: they will buddy up with the younger Year 5 pupils as well as taking on ambassadorial and leadership roles. There is so much to look forward to, but the onus will now be on them, as the oldest pupils in the school to set high standards and adopt an assured and more independent approach to their learning.

Year 8 Ambassador Selection

I'm pleased to announce that 26 pupils have initially been chosen to represent the school as Ambassadors. Their selection was based not only on their written applications, but also on their attendance and 'attitude to learning' data. Staff endorsements were counted for the selection of this Year's Lead Ambassadors and I'm pleased to announce that Rowan Powis and Stephanie Howe have received this accolade. I'm sure that they will do everyone proud.

Prospective Ambassadors who missed out on the first wave of selection have all been given achievable targets to meet. Their progress will be reviewed in January 2019.

End of Term Procedures

Lost Property

There is a absolute 'mountain' of lost property currently accumulating in the Key Stage 3 area. I'm intending to spread it out on the tables in Room 15 next week & insist that all the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils inspect it with a mind to retrieving items. Lost property is unlikely to be retained after the end of term.

And Finally...

Can I wish everyone a happy, entertaining and above all relaxing summer holiday. I'm sure that all the pupils are ready for and deserve a well- earned rest. They need to recharge their proverbial batteries, enjoy the lovely weather and look forward with optimism to the challenges ahead of them.

Mr Rangdale, KS3 Lead



YEAR 8 NEWS

End of Term Procedures

School Tie and Jumper Donation

On the last day of term, if they don't have younger siblings - it's always helpful if some of our departing pupils can donate their ties and jumpers.

Locker Key Deposits / Lost Property

For obvious reasons, all cubby- holes should be cleared, lockers emptied & locker keys returned to Mr Palmer - enabling the refunding of the £5 deposit. Lost property left by Year 8 pupils is not passed on to upper schools, or retained by EMS.

Farewell Year 8

Can I take this final opportunity, on behalf of the Year 8 team (and indeed all the EMS staff) to wish our transitioning pupils a fond farewell. They've been a terrific cohort - mature, supportive of one another and full of individual character.

Year 8 were able to adapt to the rapid changes that were implemented this year (rising to the challenges presented to them) and took the demands of the final year in their collective stride.

We talk about how Year 8 should be role models for the rest of the school and nothing could be more apt when describing the 74 pupils who are about to move on to their chosen upper schools.

Whether it was being a buddy to a younger, Year 5 pupil, supporting the Beaucroft children during our Christmas party, or helping to organize numerous tournaments and events - the Year 8s have continually impressed everyone associated with them.

My favourite part of the academic year has always been organizing the transition events. We all sense when our older pupils are ready to move on, when they have reached that level of assured maturity required for Key Stage 4.

Having been fortunate enough to help to facilitate this process for the past few years - I must admit that I'm currently feeling rather melancholy as I'll genuinely miss these pupils. Good luck everyone... work to achieve your potentials, relish the opportunities placed before you at FUS and QE.

Mr Rangdale, KS3 Lead





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 3rd September 2018
Tuesday 4th September 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Monday 7th January 2019
Friday 5th April 2019

Autumn Term

Return after Summer holiday	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
Break up for half term	Friday 19 th October 2018
Return after half term	Tuesday 30 th October 2018
Break up for Christmas	Friday 21 st December 2018

Spring Term

Return after Christmas holiday	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
Break up for half term	Friday 15 th February 2019
Return after half term	Monday 25 th February 2019
Break up for Easter	Thursday 4 th April 2019

Summer Term

Return after Easter holiday	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day	Monday 6 th May 2019
Break up for half term	Friday 24 th May 2019
Return after half term	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Break up for Summer	Tuesday 23 rd July 2019



UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform – available from *Threads and Treads of Verwood*. Please ensure that ALL items are named.

Girls

Long or short-sleeved white blouse
School tie
Grey skirt no shorter than just above the knee (flared or pleated) or plain grey/black straight-legged trousers
Maroon embroidered sweatshirt
White or black socks, or black tights
Flat black shoes, NOT trainers or boots

PE Kit

Plain white polo shirt
Maroon skort
Black football/hockey socks
Black/blue tracksuit bottoms
Studded boots for winter field sports
Trainers for other outdoor activities
Maroon hooded top for outdoor winter sports
Gum shield (for contact sports)
Apron(s) for Science, Design, Cookery



Boys

Long or short sleeved white shirt
School tie
Grey/black straight-legged trousers
Maroon embroidered sweatshirt
Black, grey or white socks
Flat black shoes, NOT trainers or boots

PE Kit

Plain white polo shirt
Black shorts
Black football/hockey socks
Black/blue tracksuit bottoms
Maroon rugby shirt
Studded boots for winter field sports
Trainers for other outdoor activities
Gum shield (for contact sports)
Apron(s) for Science, Design, Cookery

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