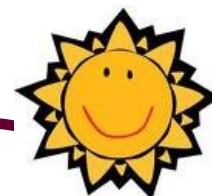


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NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Ah, the last week of term. A gentle meander through to the end of term.....

I think now is the time for everyone in our wonderful community: pupils, parents and staff to take a step back and reflect on the resilience, relentlessness and positivity shown in abundance throughout the year. Last year, at the dismay of my team, I said we couldn't accept gifts (crazy Covid world), and with most of the pupils not in school, the end of term felt rather flat. Flashbacks to the airport scene in Love Actually. The show of appreciation and acknowledgement of bonds forged throughout a year and in many cases, four years, is so important. One thing that we must never allow is a human disconnect in a world adapting to virtual meetings, online this and that.

Once again, it is easy to sit back and make excuses to not do things, create a new norm that is not an improvement on the one it displaces. We have tried to learn from opportunities over the past 18 months and also fought hard to keep going with events important to us. This newsletter goes some way to celebrate this. The House competitions across the whole term have been a revelation, so many directly involved or supporting the endeavours of others.

In September we go live with E-Praise. This will bring you closer to the day to day efforts of your child and a more meaningful and frequent way for pupils to receive rewards for showing Excellence, Endeavour and Enjoyment in their work.

We say thank you, good-bye and good luck to Mr Cotton, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Munsen and Mrs Pagdon. Nearly a century of years of service to EMS and it's community. They will be missed. We have recruited strongly, we go from strength to strength.

Enjoy a fabulous summer. Thank you so much for many kind words and your support throughout the year.

Mr Christopher



Child Protection

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

SCHOOL FINISHES

Please note pupils finish on Friday 23rd July at 1.30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL

New Year 5 pupils start on Monday 6th September and the rest of the school returns on Tuesday 7th September



Summer Term House Information

This term we have been able to hold our inter-house Sports and Quiz competitions - hooray!

These were done in Year Group bubbles, but teams were still well supported by their housemates. There was also a French competition on Google classroom for pupils to win both points and prizes.

House Captains devised the Quizzes - subjects covered were Flags, Capital Cities, Famous Brand Names and Film/Character Emojis.

Sports Captains ran the different Sports competitions - these were Football, Table Tennis and Dodgeball.

This week, we held our usual draws for end-of term rewards. There were double house points available last week so pupils were able to gain masses of raffle tickets! 3 pupils from each year group won a £10 Amazon gift voucher - these were:-

Year 5	Thomas Bowden, Samuel Newth & Ryan Mason
Year 6	Bella Harding, Charlie Mantle & Lewis Price
Year 7	Roman Ball, Mia Sillick & Libby Spring
Year 8	Zac Baker, Tyler Newton & Ben Saunders

In addition to this, 18 pupils from each year group won themselves an afternoon off timetable to play rounders and eat ice-cream and snacks on the field. The weather was slightly warm, so there was definitely more eating than playing, but it was a nice break for everyone!

Huge thanks go to our amazing PTFA for funding all these prizes.



Summer Term House Information cont

Congratulations to Watson House who managed to get the highest total AGAIN this term - a massive 31,097 Candle Credits - this means that everyone in Watson House is allowed to wear mufti to school on Friday 23rd July. It was the closest ever this term as Vujicic were only 89 points behind!

A few other stats for you;-

Classes with the most Candle Credits this term -

Year 5 - 5FW

Year 6 - 6JH

Year 7 - 7RDF

Year 8 - 8AE

Pupils earning the most candle credits in each year group:-

Year 5 - Henry Dean, Jack Cheater, Molly Matthews & Emily Higgins

Year 6 - Hattie James, Jess Warwick, Jack Butler & Isla Muckle

Year 7 - Tilly Daw, Tasha Mansfield, Gracie Oughton & Theo Budd

Year 8 - Ollie Hawkins, Alice Weir, Izzy Clapham & Bella Mason

Next year, EMS will be using the 'Epraise' platform - this will make it much easier for us to allocate house points and have even more rewards for pupils to aim for!

French Department Summer House Points Challenge

Thank you to those pupils who entered the Summer House Points Challenge. We had some very creative entries across the year groups for the varied French language challenges and the research tasks based on the Euros and the Tour de France.

The winning entries were those where there was particular care taken to reflect the pupils' learning in French during the year - all the winners wrote lovely, accurate sentences using the structures they had learned in class to accompany their creative design. It was clear that they had spent a lot of time and effort on their creations.

Well done to the following pupils who won prizes in their year group.

Year 5 - Henry D, Ethan G, Molly S

Year 6 - Harrison H, Gabriella H, Chloe J

Year 7 - Tilly D

Year 8 - Oliver H



Accelerated Reader News

This year, EMS has fully embraced Accelerated Reader as our reading platform. We have still been able to fully engage, during these challenging times, using the online quizzing and STAR tests. In school, we are currently completing our last set of STAR tests to see how much progress we have made.

Highlights for the pupils include:

184,695,991 WORDS READ!

6154 QUIZZES TAKEN

5313 QUIZZES PASSED

64 MILLION WORD READER CERTIFICATES

KS2 SATS READING - Highest recorded reading progress (based on Teacher Assessment)

Y8 Excellent Reading Results for Upper School Transition Project

84.5% of EMS pupils reading at or above their reading age (improvement from 79.2% in September)

EMS English Department 2021



PTFA NEWS

Well I can't believe we are at the end of the school year already! And what a year for everyone!

We at the PTFA have had a very quiet time as the COVID safety restrictions have unfortunately meant that we couldn't hold any of our annual events. Whilst this is sad, we do appreciate that this was for everyone's safety and on the upside it has given us plenty of time to discuss super exciting future events that, all being well, we can arrange for next school year for everyone to enjoy!!

Even though we haven't managed to see everyone's smiley faces in person the PTFA have still been working hard with various no-contact fundraising. There has been the Monthly Prize Draw, PTA Summer Raffle, 2nd hand uniform sales, Bag2School collections & Amazon Smile & through all their hard work we have still managed to raise **£1887!!** So a Huge thank you to the PTFA team, everyone who has participated in those events and well done to all the Winners!!

As you are aware these funds are so crucial for the children and the school as it enables them to enhance & enrich the children's learning through supplying additional equipment, supplies, transport, school activities, reward etc as well as occasional treats for the children. One lovely example of this was Mr Christopher's thoughtful request for funding to be able to give each child an Easter Egg at the end of term as a treat of their continued resilience, we didn't have to think twice about that one!

Most recently through PTFA fundraising we have funded new books, theatre trips, keyboards, chrome books, Easter Eggs, candle credit rewards totalling over £4000. We couldn't have done any of this without the awesome PTFA team and your kind generosity, so thank you again.

Going forward the PTFA are very excited to be planning various fundraising events, all being well we will hopefully see the return of the Big Summer & Crazy Christmas Fairs as well as the very popular school Disco! Although don't forget in the meantime you are still able to support us by signing up with Amazon Smile and selecting to support 'Emmanuel Middle School Parent Teacher Association Verwood'. You only have to set this up once and then as if by magic whenever you shop through Amazon the PTFA get a percentage! We are also always taking 2nd hand uniforms for resale so please do let us know if you have any you would like to donate.

We are on Facebook too!! We are Emmanuel CE Middle School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association - PTFA if you give us a like you can keep up to date with any goings on or contact us through there.

Little bit of sad PTFA news - we are sadly losing the wonderful 'Lollipop' Lin Pagden from our team. Lin has not only been a key member of the PTFA family but also the longest serving member!! She is loved by us and the children who she has got to know through our events & single handedly running our school stationary shop as well as being 'Lollipop Lin' and has, during her time with the PTFA, raised a significant amount of funds for the school. We are all going to miss her a lot and I'd like to take this moment to say THANK YOU Lin for everything!!

With the new school year approaching we are looking forward to meeting new pupils and parents/carers and we are always on the look out for new team members!! So if you fancy getting involved at any level, from poster designing, bbq cooking, raffle ticket selling right through to even just coffee drinking & brain storming drop us a line, we are a friendly bunch, not stuffy and we don't bite!!

All of us at the PTFA would like to wish you all a very happy, sunny and safe summer and we cannot wait to see you in September.

Mrs Dani Fail, PTFA Chair



Emmanuel Middle School Start Up Success Skills Builder day Years 5,6 and 7

We are delighted to announce that Emmanuel Middle School has been awarded the Silver Award by Skills Builder. We have had a really successful year using Skills Builder to enhance our personal development work using the essential life skills and hope to continue this next year.



In the autumn term, every year group was involved in the "Operation Moonbase" day, which we all enjoyed, but the feedback from staff and pupils was that Friday's "Start-Up-Success" day was even better!

Over the course of the challenge, learners apply Steps 4-6 in all eight essential skills as they consider: How do you set up your own business? They explore the world of entrepreneurship by setting up their own start-up designing, making and selling a range of souvenirs to show off the best aspects of their local community.

Listening Speaking Problem Solving Creativity Staying Positive Aiming High Leadership Teamwork

The pupils worked in small teams to achieve their goals of designing and producing souvenirs for the local area. This initially involved researching the New Forest, the beaches or the Jurassic coast. They then had to discuss and agree on their themes. Teamwork, creativity, positivity and aiming high were skills which were developed as the tasks progressed.

Year 5 made fridge magnets, postcards and bookmarks. Year 6 made postcards and badges using our new badge maker machine. Year 7 were given a more challenging task of creating a range of souvenirs: postcards, bags, keyrings and bunting. All year groups produced an excellent standard of products. The other stipulation for year 7 was that each type of souvenir had to be identical from each team and as you can see from the photos, they rose to that challenge too!

In the afternoon, the teams then had to pitch their ideas to the rest of the class who voted on the best designs. From their pitches, I am sure that we will see some of our pupils on Dragon's Den in the future- they were very persuasive. The last task was to reflect on the day and the skills that had been used.



YEAR 5 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the entire Year 5 Team, we would like to wish you all a very happy and safe summer break. It is unbelievable that we are already writing this farewell message to our kind, talented, resilient and supportive Year 5s. We could not be prouder of them. But, happily, this is not the end of their journey with us, far from it, and we look forward to seeing them continue to thrive at EMS when they return as Year 6s.

The children have impressed us all year with their enthusiasm for school life and their willingness to throw themselves into challenges and take risks. Year 5 is such an important milestone in their education as it's where a new level of independence is nurtured and the children have developed their independence across so many areas, including: self organisation and uniform management; attitudes to learning; homework and diary management; and friendship building.

It is hard to sum up our highlights as there have been so many, but we would have to say our Greek Theatre Day, Internet Safety Day, our millionaire readers on Accelerated Reader, the Vikings, French cafe experiences, Dance Fridays and all the House events, in which our Year 5s competed respectfully and with exceptional perseverance to earn Candle Credits for their teams. Pupils in Year 5 reached record numbers of Candle Credits this year, which was fantastic to see.

We also remember so fondly our two Skills Builder Days, during which the Year 5 pupils worked in teams to decide how a successful society could be built on the moon and, most recently, to create a souvenir business for our local area. It was a joy to witness the children pitching their souvenir ideas to their classes for potential investment and doing so with such confidence and enthusiasm. The Skills Builder programme encourages the children to focus on key life skills, including listening, speaking, teamwork, leadership and staying positive, which were all demonstrated by every pupil in the year group.

Finally, we simply couldn't forget the children's amazing efforts with their online learning. It seems only a little while ago, we were teaching them remotely, and we will always remember their resolve and positivity as we navigated the mysteries of visualisers and LIVE teaching! Our best memories have to be of those morning reg slots when all their smiley faces popped onto our screens. And let's not forget, teaching remotely enabled us to host our very own 'bring your pet to school day'!

So, it just remains for us to say WELL DONE YEAR 5! You have been awesome this year and we cannot wait to see what you achieve next academic year. And a huge thank you to you, parents and carers, for all your enthusiasm and support. Have an absolutely wonderful summer!

Take care,

Mrs Weir, Mrs Prestage, Mr Brennan, Miss Stinson, Mrs Binning, Mrs Mansfield, Mrs Almond & Mrs Hassell.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe the end of the academic year has come around so quickly! On behalf of Mr Brenton, Mr Humphries and Mrs Anderson, we want to take this opportunity to say that we are so very proud of the children in Year 6, as this year has not been what they would have expected. They have grown in maturity and understanding of the evolving world around them and have shown resilience, determination and compassion towards each other.

The majority of the children worked incredibly hard during lockdown and throughout any isolation periods and I commend them for not letting any disruption get in the way of their love of learning and desire to improve. They have shown patience, flexibility and why communication, in any context, is so important.

We really believe that this year has prepared them for their next steps in school life and look forward to hearing about how they flourish in Year 7. We hope they take with them the important learning and life skills learnt, and also learn from natural mistakes made to continue their journey, beyond their limits.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of the children and am really going to miss them.

I wish you all the very best of summer holidays; to rest, relax and unwind and I look forward to seeing them around school in Year 7.

Kindest regards,

Miss Howe



YEAR 7 NEWS

What a challenging year for our pupils! Our Year 7s have coped with school closures, live lessons, starting the KS3 curriculum and to end it all a heatwave! The Year 7 bubble has got stronger and stronger as the year has progressed and we feel that we have had the opportunity to get to know our pupils very well. We have become a community within the school and it has felt like a school family. We have made more contact with home than ever before and have shared the highs and lows of 20/21 with parents as well as pupils.

We are very proud of the year group's successes in Tassomai and Accelerated Reader and in our transition meetings we have recognised those pupils who have conscientiously powered through the homework tasks. It is those pupils who have learnt resilience responsibility during this year, who will be invited to apply for the posts of ambassador and sports leaders in year 8. Compared to other schools

As the year 7 staff team, we have been delighted to teach and support your children because of their motivation and enthusiasm to learn. We wish you and your children a safe and well earned summer holiday. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return in Year 8.

Mrs E Robertson
Head of Year 7



YEAR 8 NEWS

The Year 8 Activities

On behalf of the pupils and staff of Year 8, I would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Childs (aka Year 8's Fairy Godmother) and Mrs Askam for organising last week's two thoroughly entertaining excursions. This was done at relatively short notice and involved a significant amount of deadline meeting and 'behind the scenes' paperwork.

Dorset Adventure Park (a new addition to the Year 8 activities) proved a tremendous, if somewhat muddy, success! The children literally threw themselves into the sludgy assault course and seemed to relish every mud-splattered obstacle! One or two of our pupils were completely unrecognizable as they emerged from the ooze and it was genuinely heartening to see how well they motivated one another as they negotiated the course.

The afternoon at Dorset Adventure Park was spent flipping off inflatables, bobbing around in idyllic, warm lakes and trying to avoid being pushed into the water by Mr. Christopher! Needless to say a fabulous time was had by one and all.



On Friday (as you know) all of Year 8 visited Paulton's Park.

Paulton's has been expanded to include new rides and new sections and is, I believe, perfect for our Year 8 children. Again, the pupils deserve to be commended for their conduct - they



behaved themselves impeccably. Remarkably, no one got lost and we all made it back onto the bus with the minimum of fuss! The happily dozing pupils on the journey home were a measure of the trip's success.

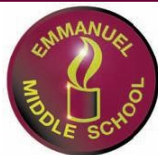
And Finally

On behalf of my Year 8 colleagues and indeed all the pupils' previous teachers throughout their time at EMS, I would like to take the opportunity to wish our transitioning children every success as they continue to their respective upper schools. I have been quietly quite proud of this particular year group and have no doubt that they will quickly establish themselves as assets at FUS, QE and The Leaf Academy.

Good luck Year 8, stay safe and enjoy your well-deserved summer holiday.

Mark Rangdale
Head of Year 8





TERM DATES 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days	Thursday 2 nd September Friday 3 rd September
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th September (Year 5 start)
Whole School Returns	Tuesday 7 th September
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October
Staff Training Day	Monday 1 st November
Pupils Return	Tuesday 2 nd November
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term Holiday	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February
Pupils Return	Monday 28 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 8 th April

Summer Term 2022

First Day of Term	Monday 25 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th June
Pupils Return	Tuesday 7 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd July



UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform is available from Threads and Treads of Verwood.

Please ensure that ALL items are named.

Girls

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

PE Kit

Plain white polo shirt
Maroon skirt
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 or tailored shorts
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
Maroon hooded top for outdoor winter sports
Studded boots for winter field sports
Trainers for other outdoor activities
Gum shield (for contact sports)
Apron(s) for Science, Design, Cookery

Provision of School Clothing

Parents in receipt of Income Support and who have successfully claimed free school meals for their child/children may be eligible for a clothing grant. Further details may be obtained from the school office. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

