

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our final weekly parent bulletin of the academic year!

Staffing changes:

We start by sharing news of staffing changes here at Emmanuel for our return in September. After more than 20 years of service we are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Stocks who leaves us to take up a role in alternative provision. Over the years she has brought a huge amount to our staffing team - providing a very calm approach to our KS3 tutor groups and giving a huge amount of her time to ensuring there are sporting and wider opportunities for the children.

Mrs Tanner joined our TA team at the start of this year on a temporary basis and in September is leaving for new adventures. She has provided a calm and friendly support for our pupils whilst also ably being there for the Year 8 pupils every lunch time - not to mention watching hundreds of hours of Year 8 lunchtime football!

Mr Simpson has been a lunchtime supervisor in Year 5 for 2 years and Wednesday will be his last day as he moves on to further his career in the classroom.

We wish our leavers all the very best of luck for their futures and look forward to hearing how they are getting on.

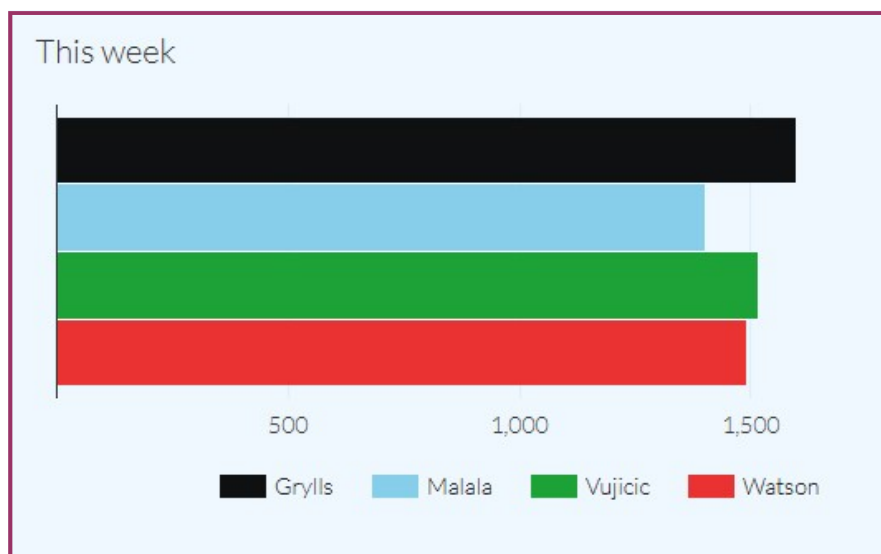
One person who will not be leaving is Miss Stinson even though her name will be gone forever! August sees her wedding and we wish her and her fiancé Tom all the best for their special day and life together. She will return in September as Mrs Dibben.

Also returning in September will be Mrs Roche following her maternity leave. We are so pleased to have her back 2 days a week.

School lunches:

Due to technical issues linking Arbor with the Caterlink till system, Arbor's lunch system will not be set up ready for September. With this in mind, and in order to ensure you are able to add money to your child's lunch account, book breakfast club and receive school communications we will continue using ParentMail until the system on Arbor is fully operational. We apologise for any inconvenience.

House news:



A big week for Grylls - well done to them. Next step is to see the final totals on Wednesday!

Year 5 Resistant Materials:

Two Year 5 groups have been working hard in our Resistant Materials Room to complete their model fairground rides.

The rides have involved the careful measurement and sawing of 'square cut' wood to construct towers. The children have then attached a pulley system, switch and circuit to mechanise their models. Resilience and patience being demonstrated in abundance!

It's been a super project for the children to work on and many thanks should go to both Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Dunn for so ably supporting our younger pupils.



Year 5 French:

Year 5 had a great time playing pétanque in French this week, learning all about this really popular sport and practising our skills on the field. A very fun lesson indeed!



Year 6 SATs results:

A big congratulations to all Year 6 pupils who took their SATs this year, and a massive well done for all they have achieved. Their hard work and determination are what have led to the commendable results achieved.

Year 7:

15 Year 7's spent the morning in the Expressive Arts Faculty at FUS yesterday. Having a singing workshop; drama lesson and a tour of the incredible Art Department. The pupils were shown around the extensive art facilities; the photography department with a new dark room; the textiles studio and the Fine Art studios.



Year 6 & 8:

A reminder that our end of year award shows for Year 6 and 8 are in the Verwood Hub on Monday evening. Year 6 is at 5pm and Year 8 is at 7pm.

Tickets are free of charge but needed for entry. Pupils need an adult with them to attend the event. There are still a few tickets available via the Verwood Hub ticketing website.

Sparx Reader:

Reading is so crucial to a successful education - it is no coincidence that those who read more are most likely to progress fastest in both Reading and across the curriculum. Well done to everyone who has contributed to our strong outcomes in Sparx reader - the headlines are below:

- 3,318 hours of close reading completed
- 1,381 books read
- 324,427 questions answered
- 24,560,507 words read

Science:

The last KS2 Science club of the year had students magically changing the colour of different liquids using homemade indicators. What fun we've had this year!



In the last KS3 STEM club students chose to do water rockets, they seemed to particularly enjoy soaking Mrs Etheridge with one of the rockets!

It was so nice to be able to hand out the bronze CREST award certificates before the end of term.

The Science Leaders had a well deserved reward afternoon. They chose to make slime and do gas bubbles.



Cafe Aroma reward trip:

Last Friday a group of pupils cashed in their candle credits for a trip to Café Aroma. They all enjoyed the reward hugely and their behaviour was a credit to the school.



A reminder that our last day of term is next Wednesday 23rd July - with a normal finish time of 3.20pm. What a year it has been - writing this newsletter each week has highlighted just how busy and varied school life is. The pupils have done a wonderful job of striving to reach their academic achievement whilst also exploring a huge breadth of other experiences. With this being the last parent bulletin of term we wish you all a great summer holiday and look forward to seeing the current Year 5, 6 and 7 return in September and wish our leavers the very best of luck for their new adventures.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker.