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NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2018 (2)



Dear Carers, Parents and Pupils,

I hope you enjoy the Spring newsletter full of exciting recounts and detailed information that I provide brief summaries of each week. Pupils across the whole school have had the opportunity and taken many of these to develop themselves as people and learners. As a school we continue our journey of improvement. From a personal point of view, I thank many of you who take the time to feedback many positive views. I am proud of the school, its pupils and the committed team I lead.

The Summer term will continue to be exciting as we welcome Mr Brennan to EMS and see Mrs Thorn and Mrs Williams continue to settle into school. Mr Jenkinson and myself are working hard behind the scenes planning for September and we continue to enjoy the support and challenge provided by Wimborne Academy Trust.

Pupils will also notice a huge difference in the textiles corridor, year 7 area and to more classrooms in year 8 the latest parts of the school to be decorated. Classes where Maths is taught will also notice new working walls for the new term.

I wish you and your families a great Easter break and look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Tuesday 17th April.

Mr R Christopher
Head of School



End of Term

School breaks up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29th March - please note that school finishes at 1.30pm on that day.

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your child's hot school meals for after the Easter holidays by Sunday 8th April 2018. Please watch out for the new summer menu coming home with your child.



Staff News

Sadly, as you know, Mr Hall (Head of Year 5), Mrs Harris (Teaching Assistant) and Mr Jones (Maths Teacher) are leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the school and wish them well in the future.

Mr Brennan, Head of Maths, will be starting with us after the Easter break and will be taking over Mr Hall's timetable. Mr Clark will be joining us from St Michael's Middle School to cover Mr Jones' timetable.

We also welcome Mrs Thorn and Mrs Williams who have joined us recently as cover supervisors.

Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher). If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact her through the school office. If Mrs Ponchaud is unavailable please speak to Mr Christopher, Head of School or Mrs Robertson, Head of Wellbeing who are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION Administration of Medicines

If you wish school staff to administer medication to your child, parents **must** complete the consent form which can be obtained from the school office or on the school website (Information/School Forms). Staff will be unable to administer **any** medication (this includes Strepsils and similar throat lozenges) without the required form - **a note in the diary or a letter will not be acceptable.**

Staff are unable to administer aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen unless they are prescribed by a doctor.

All medicines must be in their original box or container.

All prescribed medicines must be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the instructions for administration.

IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING AT THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM?

If your child is leaving us at the end of the summer term (excluding the Year 8 students transferring to Upper School), have you informed the school office, in writing please, of their destination school?

It is very important that the school office has a note of all children who will be leaving so they can transfer the relevant information to your child's new school.



EMS House System

We need your help for the new EMS House System. After Easter we are going to create four house groups to be named after four inspirational people and we invite you to make suggestions which can be taken forward by the pupils. House groups are a proven way of building bonds and developing team spirit in schools. The esprit de corps which reinforces school ethos and the quest for excellence are easier to create in smaller groups. Our house system will allow achievements awarded across the year to be built up towards house totals as well as against individual performance. It will also ensure consistency for when pupils compete in sports day and other team events throughout the year- they will be part of something for their whole time with us.

Please send your ideas in by email to the school office under the title 'house system'.

WAT Maths Moderation

On Tuesday 13th March, Allenbourn Middle School hosted The WAT Spring Term Maths Moderation Meeting. School Improvement Team Maths Specialist, Louise Jeffs, led over 100 teachers from schools within and outside of Trust in sharing good practice in maths. Teachers were given the opportunity to discuss assessments and methods of working.

Science Week

Last week saw Science week EMS style. Students from all year groups were given the opportunity to sign up for events being held during lunchtimes throughout the week. Students were extremely enthusiastic and engaged. We even opened our lab to a few extras as they begged relentlessly to be involved. All students received certificates to acknowledge their involvement. It was such a great atmosphere and so many students have since begged for more, asking 'When will there be a Science club?'. So watch this space as we may just bend to popular demand!

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.

We will empty the lost property bins after the Easter holidays and place all items on tables for collection during the first week back. 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 Non-Residential Activity

In science we were learning about balancing objects and our task was to make a clown or a robot and balance it on your finger. First we needed to get the layout made and then we coloured in the templates with bright colours. After we had finished colouring in the templates we used weights to measure out 2 pieces of plasticine weighing 3.5 grams, these would be used to put in the hands of our clown or robot. We then glued both pieces of our template together putting the plasticine in both hands and a small piece on the nose. The glue was left to dry overnight so the following day we were able to test our balancing clowns on our fingers.

Kaitlyn R 7SA



Sport Relief

Well done to everyone who took part in Sport Relief on Friday. Mrs Stocks ran sports activities in the sports hall at lunchtime and the field was dry enough for us to use to run our Sport Relief mile. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves completing the mile course around school and the school raised an impressive £374.40.



Don't Rest!

Year 8 Drama Workshop

Year 8 had an opportunity to take part in a Drama workshop as part of an introduction to the Holocaust in R.E. They cooperated beautifully with one another, playing team warm-up games and concentration exercises to set the mood for practical exploration. They had to improvise on the spot; going into character as either an oppressor or a victim and try to imagine what life must have been like for Jewish people surrounded by such injustice and hatred. Both Mrs Parker and I were really impressed with the self-control and empathy demonstrated by our young people, who engaged with the subject matter in a mature way.

Mrs McGraw

“Dear Adolph Hitler,

“You are rancid and nobody appreciates you for what you did. How do you feel when you are told you wasted over seven million people’s lives, all for your own pleasure? Because I genuinely don’t know how that could please anyone.” Belal K

“Why do you think it is right to kill innocent human beings? What gives you the right? I don’t agree with it. I don’t agree with putting those beautiful human beings through that kind of awfulness is right.” Lily C

“I think this horrific, violent, depressing and wrong! I mean you killed seven million people. Are you proud of yourself? I hope not.” Bethan T

“You have disgraced everyone.” Travis G

“You don’t deserve to be called human. Humans have feelings.” Aimee S



Year 5 Wessex Water

We arrived at just before 10am and the first thing we noticed was the smell, it was disgusting. Also there was dirty sewage water in the tanks and in the skips. There was rubbish everywhere.

The first lesson was horrible. The teacher made sewage soup, it was gross. She put body wash, shampoo, conditioner, coffee, cornflakes, milk, shaving foam, toothpaste, and some gross things you would find in the toilet, all in a bowl and stirred it up.

Next we got our coats on and went outside in groups. We had to wear high vis jackets. The lady took us round the whole site in a step by step tour. It took us about an hour to walk around the whole place. They sieved and filtered the sewage before the fine solids were separated by gravity in huge circular tanks. After that the dirty water is cleaned by live bugs before being zapped by UV light. They make the water clean enough to go in the river. It was very interesting to see the process.

After lunch we looked at activated sludge under a microscope. There were tiny creatures too small to see with a naked eye. They were moving around and some of them were eating the bacteria from the sludge.

Finally we had to carry out a scientific experiment. We had to sort out and test water samples. They were from the swimming pool, the rain and from the tap. We tested the acidity, the chlorine levels and hardness of the water. Overall the trip was fun and very interesting.

Madison K 5SDH



Year 7 French Residential

I would like to thank all of the Y7 children for their excellent behaviour and full participation in the French Residential this year: they were a real credit to Emmanuel Middle School and made the trip so enjoyable for everyone involved. Every year it gets better and better!

Yet again the Y7 children were amazing this year and everyone tried to take part in all of the language and cultural challenges faced.

After a good journey to Chateau de Grande Romaine, and one night to settle in, we enjoyed brilliant sunshine on our first day in Brie-Comte-Robert and Montmartre.

There were more excellent 'Alain Sucre' French projects this year and the most pictures ever drawn by the artists of our pupils in Montmartre. We also really enjoyed our crepes in the sun outside Sacre Coeur. Yet again it was glorious sunny day. This year we were given two park entry tickets to Disney again, but the Tower of Terror turned out to be the most realistic ride when some of us were trapped for a while. We stayed for the Disney parade and some of the girls even joined in the entertainment at the beginning.

It is a miracle, but for the fifth year running we have managed to scale the Eiffel Tower on a clear day, with all pupils reaching the top for the second time! It was very windy and there were some impressive hairstyles on show. On the Thursday we took one of the new Bateaux Parisiens along the River Seine and enjoyed the views of Notre Dame, picturesque bridges and the other historical buildings in the heart of the French capital. We had a slightly different route this year because of the flooding and went past the original models of the Statue of Liberty. It was another busy day because we even managed to fit in a hypermarché on the way back to our accommodation. Unfortunately, the good weather did not last and our visit to Vimy Ridge was in the rain, but we did make our Eurotunnel train on time and were able to get back by 8pm. Well done to all of the Y7 pupils for their excellent behaviour throughout and their full participation in the French language and culture.

Thank you once again to the staff who gave up their time and were prepared to help out 'non-stop' on those long days: Ms Fagge, Mr Foord, Mrs Stocks and Mr Parker.

I would also like to thank the Y7 pupils that stayed behind for their good behaviour and for engaging in their revised timetable for the week.

Mr Brenton



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term

Reports Home	Thursday 29th March 2018
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29th March 2018 (school closes at 1.30pm)

Summer Term

Staff Training Day	Monday 16th April 2018
Pupils return after Easter holiday	Tuesday 17th April 2018
Parents Evening	Monday 23rd April 2018
PTFA Textile Recycling	Wednesday 25th April 2018
Parents Evening	Wednesday 2nd May 2018
May Day	Monday 7th May 2018
Year 6 SATS Week	w/c Monday 14th May 2018
Year 6 SATS Celebration	Friday 18th May 2018
Break up for half term	Friday 25th May 2018
Return after half term	Monday 4th June 2018
Class Group Photographs	Thursday 7th June 2018
Year 8 Activity Week	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June 2018
Year 8 QE Taster Morning	Wednesday 27th June 2018
PTFA Summer Fayre	Friday 29th June 2018
Transfer Day	Friday 6th July 2018
Break up for Summer	Wednesday 25th July 2018

Term dates, events and further school information
can be found on the school
website.

