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NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 1/2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Gone in a flash!

I hope you enjoy the Summer Term newsletter. It never ceases to amaze me the number of events that take place in addition to the pupils' academic timetable! The team here at EMS are committed to providing as many opportunities to broaden and enrich the curriculum.

Well done to the year 6 pupils and staff for their efforts leading up to and during the SATs week. We finished in style at Potterne Park and Moors Valley. Also, thank you to the parents who gave up their time to support the exams and provide the pupils with the best environment possible.

Next half-term will be just as busy. Year 5 pupils will enjoy trips out to Swanage, Year 8 have an activities week and transition. Year 7 pupils will begin to step-up with supporting whole school events and turn their attention to applying to become an Ambassador for the school when they transition into Year 8.

I hope you have some great family time over the half-term.

Rob Christopher
Head of School



Half Term

School finishes for half term on Friday 25th May at 3.20pm and pupils return to school on Monday 4th June 2018.

PTFA Summer Fayre

The PTFA Summer Fayre will be held on Friday
29th June 2018
6.00pm - 8.00pm



IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING AT THE END OF TERM?

If your child is leaving us at the end of term (excluding the Year 8 students going to Upper School), have you informed the school office 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.

School Uniform Reminder

If out buying new school uniform for next term, skirts should be grey or black (flared or pleated) and the length should be just above or below the knee and trousers should be plain grey or black straight legged. Please ensure all items are named ready for the start of next term.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on Thursday 7th June to take class photographs and a full Year 8 photo.



Staff News

After 16 years at Emmanuel, we sadly say a fond farewell to Mrs Porte who is retiring at the end of this half term. Mrs Porte will be greatly missed and we thank her for all her hard work, commitment and dedication during her time with us.

Water Bottles

As the weather is warming up, please can we ask that all pupils come to school with a refillable water bottle. It is essential that children are able to hydrate during the day, especially when the weather is hot.



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.



IMPORTANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

We have received the following information from the Family information Service at Dorset County Council.

Due to the national roll out of Universal Credits, protection has been put in place for eligible children to continue to receive free school meals.

All children who receive free school meals will remain eligible until at least 31 March 2022. This also applies to any new children who are approved before this date. From 31 March 2022, any child receiving free school meals will remain eligible until they have graduated from that school phase (e.g. a child in reception on 31 March 2022 would remain eligible until they finished Primary School in 2028)

This means that between now and 31 March 2022, parents do not need to contact Dorset County Council to cancel free school meals, even if they feel that their child is no longer eligible.

More information about this and eligibility for free school meals can be found on Dorsetforyou.

Road Safety Reminder

We have received a few reports from parents and members of the public about road safety, not only of our children but also drivers. These reports seem to be coming from the newly resurfaced Springfield Road. Pupils are apparently riding their scooters down the middle of the road oblivious to other road users and some drivers are driving too fast along there. We would ask all road users to be mindful of others and act sensibly and with caution when travelling on the roads.

Sports Day

Sports Day is on Thursday 28th June and you are welcome to join us on that day. If the weather is hot please try and ensure your child has a sun hat, sun cream and enough to drink. With regards to taking photos on Sports Day; please ensure that if you take a photograph of your child and have other children in it and you plan to publish it on Facebook etc, you have permission from that child's parent to do so.



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 who are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



PE NEWS

An excellent success story comes from the year 7 football team who were completing in the PEDSSA Poole and East Dorset cup. This started off right at the start of the academic year where the pupils completed a succession of successful knockout matches to make the quarter finals which was against Purbeck School. This is where the boys really showed their class in the second half and won the game 5-2. In the Semi Finals Emmanuel were up against Poole High School, This was a much closer game and the boys had to show strength in team work and decision making. Though we had scored really early on, Poole High came back strong and Emmanuel had to deal with a late surge of intense pressure, thankfully winning the game 3-2. The Team had made another final two years in succession.

The Final was against Pool Grammar School

The Team:- James Bright, Kieran Osborne, Rowan Powis, Will Buckley, Oscar Wade, Ben Holt, Charlie Wooding, Harley Wilton, Leon Homer, Joe Buss, Kian Salt

Here is an account from players Charlie Wooding and Leon Homer.

'We went to Poole Grammar School and played a football cup final representing Emmanuel Middle School. We arrived at the school and we were shocked at how stunning the ground was - their field was like a carpet. The game kicked off and we had a good start with lots of good passing and ball retention. One attack we had was when the ball got played to Kian he dribbled it past two players and then got tackled right at the last second, the ball went out for our corner. Kian whipped in the cross towards the back post and Ben slotted the ball home 1-0 EMS. Poole Grammar then kicked off and for the next 10 minutes nothing really happened, both teams trying to carve an opening through good football. Unfortunately Poole then had a great run down the line, crossed the ball that caused us problems in the box and scored to equalise the game. We then kicked off again and Kian picked up a loose ball and took it around three players and scored a cheeky rebona! 2-1 and it was half time.

We got back onto the pitch ready to get stuck in but they scored straight away from the half way line, nothing anyone could have done the ball landed in the corner of the goal just below the cross bar. This made the atmosphere tense for the rest of the match, playing into the wind and rain made the second half difficult and unfortunately they scored a well-deserved goal and won the game 3-2. It was a great game with lots of good football, but sadly we lost.'



PE NEWS

Mountain Biking

A team of year 8 pupils took part in a Dorset schools mountain biking competition at Moors Valley on Thursday 10th May. There were various races throughout the afternoon enjoyed by all the pupils, with Max Price coming second in his race.



Verwood First School Sports Day

25 of our year 8 Sports Leaders went over to Verwood First School to help during the morning's sports activities. Our pupils enjoyed the experience of helping the younger children taken part in their Sports Day and the feedback from staff at the First School was extremely positive.

Sports Leaders Tennis Course at Ferndown Tennis Club

A group of our Sports Leaders visited Ferndown Tennis Club on Tuesday 15th May where they were trained to umpire a mini tennis competition in readiness for the year 4 tournament that will be held at Emmanuel on Friday 25th May.

Mrs Stocks



YEAR 6 POTTERNE PARK/MOORS VALLEY

All the year 6 pupils went on a trip to Potterne Park and Moors Valley on Friday 18th May to celebrate the end of our SATS.

We all lined up in pairs in our tutor groups and set off on our journey to Potterne Park with 6KA leading the way. When we arrived 6JB and 6KA split into groups of 5. We did orienteering first whilst 6JH and 6MT did activities at Potterne. Mr Rangdale led us to the visitor centre, and that's where we set off on our orienteering task. We had until midday to finish our activity. Mr Brenton and Mr Timmins were on bikes monitoring us whilst we were doing our orienteering just in-case we got lost (which some of us did).



After we finished the activities Mr Rangdale took pictures of us in our groups before we could buy an ice-cream. After photos had been taken we made it to the ice-cream shop and bought our ice-creams. Some of the ice-creams were double scoops!

Then we were walked back to Potterne Park to join in with the BBQ which was great. Then 6JH and 6MT swapped so they were on their way to do orienteering whilst we were playing football, throwing and going to the park. Then we all waked back to school as it was time to go home.

BY HOLLY R, MADDIE, LEO AND DYLAN



Emmanuel's Courtyard Garden

Following an application for funding towards a gardening project, we have received a very generous grant of £200.00 from the Verwood Solar Farm Committee.

A number of pupils have been working on a courtyard area to introduce a range of vegetables and plants that, not only will enhance the area for pupils and staff, but will hopefully encourage insects into the garden and provide them with the habitat that will enable them to thrive.



We are hoping to enjoy watching the development of tomatoes, broad beans, runner beans, mangetout, peas, sweetcorn, peppers, sunflowers, sweet peas and lillies, whilst learning about what conditions plants and flowers need to grow successfully.

We have also had a great deal of fun building supports - aka teepees - and digging over the soil, whilst discovering, or running away from, worms, wood lice and other mini beasts found on site.

Mrs Munson



In April, we took part in the Sustrans Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.



On each day of the challenge, schools competed to see who could record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. Our Year 7 Bike-It crew worked hard to record all the journeys and had to record the results on-line each day.

This is the fourth year of participating in the Big Pedal and it has been great to see parents and siblings joining in too.

Sadly we didn't win a prize this year, but we did achieve an amazing 938 journeys, 4.8% of those were supporters so a big thank-you to you.

More importantly, at Emmanuel we encourage walking, cycling or scooting to school as a healthy part of our daily routine. We are very proud that even in the rainy and windy days of April, we had 21.29% of our pupils arriving and departing in this way.

The bike shelters which have been provided by Sustrans are safe and secure to use- they are locked during the school day. We encourage pupils to also lock their bikes and scooters up inside the sheds as well. We do have some extra bike locks, if you wish to purchase one, please enquire at the office.

Please also remember to talk to your children about keeping themselves safe. We encourage pupils to wear cycle helmets and to do the Bikability after-school courses for levels 1-3, if they are going to ride on the road. Please only allow them to ride on the pavement with care, as the pavement is busy with families on the school run.

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Mrs Robertson



YEAR 5 NEWS

Firstly, I would like to welcome Mr Brennan to the Year 5 team. He has had a busy start to the term: leading the Maths department as well as getting to know his new tutor group. He has also brought a competitive streak to year 5. 5MB (5SDH) are really challenging the other classes to be the quietest and neatest line after lunch break.

The first half of the summer term has flown by and we would like to thank parents for the support given to the year 5 team, especially hearing readers at home, and checking homework has been completed. It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parents' evenings, but if you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your child's progress with us, please contact the office.

As the summer term progresses, we are getting our pupils ready for the transition into year 6. As part of this, we will be expecting pupils to be more responsible for their own equipment and PE kit and that they have the correct equipment to write with - blue pens please. If your child has lost anything since Easter, please write a note in their diary, to remind them to look for it.

On the whole, Year 5's attitude to learning and attainment has been fantastic and we are confident that this will continue right up to the summer holidays. The pupils are enjoying collecting the new style candle-stamps and we were proud to have some year 5s in the first batch of certificates in whole school assembly this week.

Curriculum News

We have already started many exciting topics in this Summer Term and the children are currently learning about the 'Life Cycles' in Science and 'People of God' in RE. Our Literacy lessons have been exciting with new books about space exploration and astronauts to base diaries, reports and summary writing on. Hopefully they have all been able to explain to you at home, how astronauts use the toilet in space! The children have also been developing their map-skills and will soon start to study 'Swanage' from both a historical and geographical point of view. This will link in with the summer trip to Swanage in June. Year 5 will continue on their rolling D&T program (cooking, multi-sensory toys in textiles or fairground rides in resistant materials) and concentrate their PE efforts on athletics, cricket and rounders.

Uniform and Equipment

As the days get hotter, it can be tempting for the children to start dressing down. I must emphasise the importance of high standards of pupil appearance at Emmanuel both in school and when wearing the uniform outside the school gates. Emmanuel Middle School prides itself on having a smart and organised ethos and so we expect the children to be in correct uniform until the end of the school year. This includes, black shoes, not plimsolls or trainers; black, grey or white socks; appropriate knee length skirts, formal white shirts/blouses and 'normal' hair styles. (Please see the children's planner or the website for more clarification on uniforms).



YEAR 5 NEWS CONT

The Year 5 team would also like the children to bring in a personalised water bottle during these warmer months. This can be kept in the classroom and will help stop children missing important lesson time drinking from external taps.

Swanage Trip

As a direct link to our Geography and History work, Year 5 will be visiting the seaside resort of Swanage in June. Two classes (5MB and 5HP) will be heading off on 13th June and the other two classes (5MC and 5ER) on 14th June. It will be a great opportunity for the children to see the environment that they have studied in school. As always, we will be hoping for some parental help on the trip so please contact your children's teacher if you can volunteer for this excursion. An electronic parental consent form with details of the trip and a request for payment will be sent out via ParentMail shortly.

E-Safety

Please make sure your child has the correct privacy setting on his/her phone and that they understand how to keep safe on the internet. Each term, we teach the pupils about e-safety in Computing and Wellbeing lessons as well as assemblies, but we advise parents to monitor new Apps and any internet activity your child may be involved in. Emmanuel School Policy is that phones should not be used on the school grounds and certainly not in the playground before and after school. All phones are to be put into the phone box at 8.30am and can be collected at 3.20pm

Thank you for your continuing support, it really does make a difference! Enjoy the summer sunshine.

Best wishes,

Mrs Robertson (Head of Year 5), Mrs Prestage, Mr Cotton and Mr Brennan



YEAR 6 NEWS

What a term we have had! I could not be prouder of year 6 and what they have accomplished. From their dedicated focus in lessons, to their extra revision sessions to the sitting of the tests; they conducted themselves brilliantly, worked incredibly hard, and showed maturity and determination to ensure that they gave the SATS their very best. I look forward to the children receiving their results in early July.

We had a fantastic celebration day on Friday at Potterne Park and Moors Valley; it was a great opportunity to relax in the fresh air and socialise as a year group after all of our efforts with the SATS. Please read the account written by some Year 6 children, which is within this newsletter.

I am astounded by the amount of candle credits that the children in year 6 are receiving. From excellence to endeavour to enjoyment, each one of our school values is being celebrated across the curriculum. We are totalling them as a tutor group to receive a class reward and the certificates should be making their way home to be further celebrated with you.

As we move towards the final half term, many preparations are being made for a smooth transition to year 7, whether that is remaining at Emmanuel or moving on to another school. The children remaining at Emmanuel will be mixed around for year 7 and I will be taking some direction from the children as part of the process.

Thank you very much for your continued support and communication.

I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Howe (Head of Year 6)



YEAR 7 AND 8 NEWS

Year 7 Ambassador and Sports Leader Selection

Now that the Summer Term is well underway we are beginning to think ahead to next year's Ambassador and Sports Leaders selection. The current Year 7 pupils need to be aware that these coveted positions are linked to their attendance data, attitude to learning scores as well as their application letter. There will be more information about this in due course, but any prospective candidates should be endeavouring to practically demonstrate their worth before the selection process commences.

Important Year 8 Dates for your Diary

As half-term is fast approaching, I thought that this would be a good opportunity to remind everyone of some key dates and events that are important to your child's upper school transfer process as well as high-lighting celebratory events that will take place to mark the end of the Year 8's time at Emmanuel Middle School.

Please take time to familiarise yourself with those dates which are particularly relevant to your son, or daughter.

Key QE Dates

Thursday 14th June	Transfer Assembly at EMS
Wednesday 20th June	Uniform drop in session (parents & students) 4:00pm-6:30 pm
Wednesday 4th July	Welcome Evening (Parents & Students) A-J 6:30 pm K-Z 7:30pm
Friday 6th July	Transfer Day

Key FUS Dates

Tuesday 5th June	Assembly for EMS pupils at EMS
Friday 8th June	FUS Careers Morning at EMS for all pupils
Monday 25th June	Additional FUS visit of selected pupils
Friday 6th July	Transfer Day

Additional Year 8 End of Term Events

Monday 18th June	Year 8 Activity Week starts
Wednesday 18th July	Year 8 Leavers' church service 7:00 pm
Thursday 19th July	ROA Assembly followed by a BBQ and the evening disco

Clearly there's a lot going on in a relatively short space of time and I will reiterate this information in a separate Year 8 letter that will be sent out after half term. Please check the websites of both QE and FUS regarding transfer information to ensure that the process proceeds smoothly.



YEAR 7 AND 8 NEWS CONT

On Transfer Day, it is the pupils' responsibility to make their way to QE and FUS - so please check bus timetables and make adequate provision for this.

Year 8 Activity Week

I am pleased to report that (for the second year running) all of our Year 8 pupils will be participating in the activity week. I've received a great deal of positive feedback from both pupils and parents anticipating an enjoyable and memorable week of excursions. I'm sure that it will prove a real success. Again, it's great that the whole year group is 'on board'! All the children have had the opportunity to pair up with at least one friend of choice and as a team we've done our best to provide the children with a balanced and ultimately enjoyable sequence of days out. This year we've added Laser Quest and Marwell Zoo to our itinerary and I'd like to commend Mrs Childs for negotiating the transport and entrance fees down to a very cost effective price. Please take time to read and digest any ParentMail relating to the forthcoming activity week. A final letter giving full details, together with an online consent and further information form will be sent out via ParentMail shortly. If you could complete and submit this as soon as possible please. I'll brief the pupils on what they will need to take, along with behavioural expectations.

School Uniform

Unfortunately, at this time of year, some members of Years 7 and 8 tend to try to push the boundaries of what is and isn't acceptable school uniform. Please can I remind you of the necessity of making sure that your son, or daughter comes to school wearing the agreed uniform. Boys should be wearing proper black shoes (not trainers), grey or black school trousers - grey, black or white socks and ideally have haircuts that don't veer below a grade two at the sides. The girls are not allowed to wear make-up (other than a minimal amount of foundation). Nail varnish is forbidden and jewellery is limited to a single pair of stud ear rings. Skirts should be 'just above the knee' and no bracelets (other than a single, charity band) should be worn. Please reference the children's diaries for clarification.

Please remember to write a note in your child's diary for their tutor, if there is a reason why they aren't wearing the correct uniform. We are smart, nicely attired year groups and it is worth remembering that our Year 8 students act as role models to the rest of the school who often mimic their 'fashion foibles'!

Mr Rangdale
Head of Years 7 and 8



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term 2017

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 5 Swanage Trip	Wednesday 13th June 2018 (5SDH/5HP)
Year 5 Swanage Trip	Thursday 14th June 2018 (5MC/5ER)
Year 8 Activity Week	Monday 18th-Friday 22nd June 2018
Sports Day	Thursday 28th June 2018
PTFA Summer Fayre	Friday 29th June 2018
Year 7 Ferndown Upper Fun Day	Thursday 5th July 2018*
Transfer Day	Friday 6th July 2018
Year 8 Leavers Service	Wednesday 18th July 2018 (7.00pm)
Year 8 RoA Ceremony/BBQ/Disco	Thursday 19th July 2018
Break up for Summer	Wednesday 25th July 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Staff Training Day	Monday 3rd September 2018
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4th September 2018
Pupils Return	Wednesday 5th September 2018
Break up for Half Term	Friday 19th October 2018
Staff Training Day	Monday 29th October 2018
Return from Half Term	Tuesday 30th October 2018
Break up for Christmas	Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 7th January 2019
Return from Christmas	Tuesday 8th January 2019

Term Dates (including dates for 2018/2018) and events can be found on the school website

*letters will be sent home to parents after half term

