



EMMANUEL CE (VA) MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2017 (2)



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Season's Greetings from all at EMS!

I hope you enjoyed celebrating many of the activities the pupils have been involved in this term. My weekly bulletin only scratches the surface, this newsletter adds some fantastic detail.

I would like to draw your attention to some key bits of information. In light of the recent cold snap and with the school website being rebuilt please check on Dorset for You website if it looks likely we will be closed.

The staff and pupils have been busy supporting others by taking part in Children in Need, Trussell Trust Foodbank, the Rotary Shoebox Appeal, Pancreatic Cancer UK and this week Crisis at Christmas. An important part of our pupils' education is having a local, national and global awareness of issues people face on a daily basis. Well done to all involved and thank you to our parents and carers who help support these special events.

There have been numerous trips and events run through each year group and this week we have held our reward trips - photos of these will follow in the bulletin at the end of the week.

We say goodbye to five of our Team at the end of this term. I know you join us in wishing all of them well in the future as they develop their careers. We have a great team at EMS and we are looking forward to working with new staff in the New Year and beyond. Staffing has been difficult this term and I am confident this will settle down in the New Year. I will keep you all updated through my weekly bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support and the Team here at EMS and myself wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr Rob Christopher
Acting Head of School



Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school on Thursday 14th December for a 50p/£1 donation to Crisis.

Please note this is not a mufti day - pupils should just replace their sweatshirts with a Christmas jumper.

Last day of term
Friday 15th
December 2017
School finishes at
1.30pm



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 on Tuesday 12th December and place items on tables for collection on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. 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.



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.

Pupils should not carry any medication (except for Asthma inhalers) in school for self-administration - all medicines must be handed into the school office with a completed form.

Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mr Rob Christopher (Acting Head of School). Mrs Elaine Robertson, Head of Wellbeing is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact them through the school office.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

As the winter weather is starting to make its presence felt, it is important that parents are aware of the procedures that are in place if the school has to close due to extreme weather conditions. The procedure is that Dorset County Council will publish a list of closures on their website on dorsetforyou.com. You can access this information on the website by going to <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices>. The school will also put a notice on the school's website.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Pupils and staff raised an amazing £264.45 from their Children in Need cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for sale we had a truly wonderful response for a very worthy cause.



TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK

As part of our Harvest Festival we asked pupils to bring in food items to donate to the Trussell Trust Foodbank in Ringwood. We had a fantastic response and collected 139.50 kg of food which would feed at least 14 people, 3 meals a day for at least 3 days. Thank you to everyone who donated.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who sent in a Christmas Shoebox for the appeal. The Rotary Club Verwood would like to pass on their thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents who helped with the Shoebox appeal once again this year. They collected 288 boxes from the immediate area and delivered them to Andover ready for shipment overseas. In total, the District (Southampton-Swanage-Andover area) collected 26,924 boxes, each one destined to a needy child.
Verwood Rotary



Pupil Fund Raising

Shannon Doherty, a year 8 pupil at Emmanuel, together with some of her friends ran a stall at our PTFA Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK. The stall raised a fantastic £204.



School Equipment Reminder

We have noticed an increase in the amount of stationery pupils are bringing into school with some pupils having two large pencil cases. If you were thinking of buying bits for Christmas, please note that pupils only require the following:

A blue pen (fiber tipped or rollerball), an HB pencil, a pencil sharpener (preferably one which can hold the sharpenings).

It would also be useful if pupils could have the following, although we do hold spares in school:

A glue stick, 15 cm ruler, a pink, glue and purple pen (gel pen, rollerball or thin fiber tipped).

Please note that rubbers are no longer permitted for rubbing out mistakes in writing or maths as we encourage pupils to demonstrate their thinking process and learn from mistakes.

STAFF NEWS

We are sadly saying goodbye to the following members of staff at the end of term: Mr Dér, Ms Hinchliffe, Mrs Compton, Mrs Bray and Mrs Olsen. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and dedication during their time at Emmanuel. We wish them the very best for the future. In January we are being joined by Mrs Etheridge, Assistant Head of Science and Mr Maloney, teacher of Maths. Mrs Webster will also be returning from maternity leave with Mrs McGraw staying at Emmanuel to teach Ms Hinchliffe's timetable.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre this year. The PTFA raised an impressive £2,134.



Our Isle of Wight Experience

The Isle of Wight was a lot of fun because everyone conquered their fears.

Self-esteem

Lots of people overcame their fears because at first everyone was scared of the heights and the small places but I feel that so many people have much more confidence now to go on and take on other things in their lives, which maybe they wouldn't have done before.

Oscar C

Communication

This was key at PGL, because activities like Jacob's Ladder relied upon communication between the team; you had to talk to each other to help each other climb the ladder. Everyone's communication improved, especially between classes.

Amy D

Leadership

We all had an opportunity to be in charge at leading our groups. We took turns at playing to our individual strengths. Some people were good at explaining how to get through the sensory trail while others were good at demonstrating how to operate a quad bike.

Anna L

Independence

We all grew in independence as we had to get ourselves dressed, out of bed (which was hard at times!), keep our key safe and organise our cabins. During the activities, we had to work things out for ourselves, like finding lights in the tunnel trail and working out how to pull ourselves up on the climbing wall.

Harry M

Team Work

Working together was key to complete challenges. Helping each other to carry on when things got hard was one way we did this. Handing out ropes, belaying and checking each other was safe were important features of team work.

Astrid M

Problem Solving

We had to map read in orienteering and find clues. We also had to find flags in the dark during one of our evening activities. We learnt how important it is to talk in turns, listen to everyone and give everyone a chance to lead the group.

Imogen R

We will never forget the amazing PGL experience and the bonding opportunity we had on the Isle of Wight.



Ballard School Maths Competition

The Maths competition at Ballard School was amazing! It all took place in their performing arts building. First, we walked into a hall and sat down at a table. Then we moved around the tables completing fun mathematical activities against the clock. Some of these were puzzles and others were problem solving.

My favourite activity was when we had to place the correct dominoes into the correct place. After we finished the activities, we went into their canteen and had little sandwiches and a drink.

It was a brilliant day, I had a fantastic time and it will be a memory I will never ever forget!

Ashleigh P 5SDH

Emmanuel Middle School Carol Service

A big thank you to all the pupils, parents, staff, PTFA and friends that helped make for a lovely Christmas Carol Service up at St Michael's Church this year. The pupils shined as they read, played and sang to start off our Christmas celebrations. Special mention must go to some of our new singers who were certainly giving the older ones a run for their money! We look forward to seeing them develop in the years to come. Mr Timmins.



Year 5 Treehouse Theatre Greek Day

On Thursday 9th November, we had a visit from the Treehouse theatre. We did a 'play in a day'. The play was very funny and interactive. Ben, who helped us to do it, was kind, fun, supportive and very encouraging.

The play was split into 4 scenes. Each class had one scene to learn and perform. Our class (5HP) did a scene set in Athens, in the market-place. The main character, a Greek charioteer, (whom was played by Ben) came home to a hero's welcome after winning his chariot race in the Olympic Games.

Whilst we were waiting for our time to act with Ben, we learnt further information about the Ancient Greeks. We learnt about their pottery, coins and language. We designed our own coins and pottery, based on real ones.

For our Greek day we dressed up as Ancient Greeks. I (Megan) dressed as a politician; Izzy and Molly as middle-class ladies. We all thought that Treehouse theatre was an amazing experience and gave great opportunities to people our age.

Megan B, Isabelle C and Molly H 5HP



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PRESENTS

THE SNOW QUEEN

BY PYP SCRIPTS

JANUARY 20TH - 2PM & 6.30PM, 24TH TO 26TH - 7.30PM,
27TH - 2PM & 6.30PM @ THE HUB, VERWOOD

TICKETS FROM OCTOBER 1ST - BOX OFFICE 01202 828740

St. Michael & All Angels Church

Christmas Services

All welcome

Sun 3rd 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Sun 10th 4.30pm Christingle Service

Sun 17th 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service

Sun 24th 10.00am Holy Eucharist *All Saints*, 3x
4.30pm Blessing of the Crib
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Mon 25th 8.00am Holy Eucharist
10.00am Family Eucharist

*We wish you all
a very Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year*

Verwood Family Church & The Hub present

An Awesome Christmas Celebration

Sunday 17th December
The Hub, Verwood
Doors open 5pm for 5.30pm

Carols, mulled wine and mince pies

Contact: Verwood Family Church
verwoodfamilychurch.org.uk
Tel: 01202 820308
Charity no: 1155316

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PE NEWS

X-Country at Canford School

On Thursday 9th November a team of boys from all years took part in a x-country competition at Canford School. They all did extremely well, with a few of the boys coming in the top 10! Well done to all of them.

Gymnastics

On Sunday 19th November we took 3 teams to compete at Rossmore Leisure Centre against a lot of other schools across the county. We had a yr 7 and 8 girls team, a Yr 7 and 8 mixed team and a Yr 5 and 6 girls team. They had trained and worked extremely hard for many weeks before the competition. The 3 teams were fantastic on the day and the Yr 5 and 6 team made it through to the final. Well done to all of them!

Mrs Stocks

Year 6 Boys football

The boys so far this year have shown some real grit and determination to progress through both group stages of the Poole and East Dorset Cup. Throughout the season so far the team has been improving each game and this willingness and desire to progress at each stage is a great credit to their approach and application to each fixture played. They have been well supported with parents and relatives watching them. They have also played a role in making the Year 6 team continue to succeed. Well done boys, on to the quarter finals.



Under 12 Girls Football

The girls played Royal Russell, a Private school from South Croydon. Unfortunately they didn't progress onto the next round but their commitment right through the game was a testament to their character as individuals and as a collective. Well played girls.

Mr Foord



Head Lice Information

The school health team have advised us that we should periodically remind parents to regularly check for head lice. They advise that parents should use detection combing, checking the whole family not just the children as most lice are caught in the family and the local community, not in the classroom.

Detection Combing - how to do it

You need:

Plastic detection comb (available from the pharmacist)

Good lighting

Ordinary comb

Wash the hair well and then dry it with a towel. The hair should be damp.

Make sure there is good light, daylight is best.

Comb the hair with an ordinary comb.

Start with the teeth of the detection comb touching the skin of the scalp at the top of the head. Keeping in contact with the scalp as long as possible, draw the comb carefully towards the edge of hair.

Look carefully at the teeth of the comb in good light.

Do this over and over again from the top of the head to the edge of the hair in all directions, working round the head.

Do this for several minutes. It takes 10 to 15 minutes to do it properly.

If there are head lice, you will find one or more lice on the teeth of the comb. Head lice are little insects with moving legs. They are often not much bigger than a pin head, but may be as big as a sesame seed.

Clean the comb under the tap - a nail brush will help to do this.

If you need help and advice, ask your local pharmacist, health visitor, school nurse or family doctor.

Don't treat unless you are sure that you have found a living, moving louse.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

Year 8 Ice Skating Reward Trip	Monday 11th December 2017
Year 7 Ice Skating Reward Trip	Tuesday 12th December 2017
Year 5 Reward Afternoon	Tuesday 12th December 2017
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 14th December 2017
Year 6 Reward Cooking Event	Thursday 14th December 2017
School Christmas Dinner	Thursday 14th December 2017*
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2017 (school finishes at 1.30pm)

Spring Term

Staff Training Day (school closed)	Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Return after Christmas holiday	Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Reports Home	Friday 12th January 2018
Subject Parents Evening	Wednesday 17th January 2018
Subject Parents Evening	Monday 22nd January 2018
Break up for half term	Friday 9th February 2018
Return after half term	Monday 19th February 2018
Year 7 French Residential	Mon 5th March - Fri 9th March (inc)
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term

Staff Training Day (school closed)	Monday 16th April 2018
Return after Easter holiday	Tuesday 17th April 2018
May Day	Monday 7th May 2018
Year 6 SATS	w/c 14th May 2018
Break up for half term	Friday 25th May 2018
Return after half term	Monday 4th June 2018
Break up for Summer	Wednesday 25th July 2018

Term dates and events can be found on the school website under the Events tab.

***Please note that Christmas Dinner must have been ordered in advance by Sunday 3rd December online with Chartwells.**

Hot School Meals

Just a reminder that if you wish your child to receive hot school meals after the Christmas holidays, please make sure you place your order online by Sunday 24th December 2017.

