

Dear Parents,

Another week passed in a shot! Our big celebration this week has been the launch of our House system with the pupils. It was great to see the look of groups vertically organised and this will build on the excellent year 5 and 8 Buddy system. More of this below from Mrs Robertson.

With fewer whole school activities this week I have had the pleasure of spending extended time in classrooms across all year groups in school. I have been hugely impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement of the pupils. They show great confidence when explaining their answers and methods that underpins our approach to teaching for understanding. It has been a journey for some that apply rules or spot an answer but not sure how or why. By enabling pupils to do this research shows that learning is more likely to 'stick'.

Yesterday Key Stage 3 had an extended Careers assembly from Bournemouth University. Incredibly informative and the range of questions from our pupils at the end highlighted how attentive they had been. It feels a long way away but these visits are crucial to the pupils as they begin to think about Upper School and GCSE pathways. Thanks to Mrs Anderson for organising such a positive couple of events.

The Emmanuel House System Launch: Malala, Grylls, Watson, Vujicic

What a great launch to the Emmanuel House system this week! On Tuesday each house met for the first time. Staff and pupils had an opportunity to meet each other and learn more about the house challenges for this year. Over the next few weeks, we will introduce year 8 House and Sports captains. They will be working alongside the staff to manage the exciting challenges set.

Why have we decided to have a house system? At Emmanuel, pupils and staff have always shared a fantastic sense of community and this is just an extension of the school ethos. Linking with our three core values of Excellence, Endeavour and Enjoyment, the house system will give our pupils opportunities to share an awareness of collective responsibility and achievement, as well as providing fun and excitement through competition.

Each pupil has already been assigned to the house which they will remain in for the four years of their middle school life, with younger siblings joining the same house when they come to Emmanuel. This means that your family (including parents) can all belong to the same house!

Please talk to your children and listen to their ideas, have you got a skill, service or resources you can offer your house to help with the challenges this year?

Mrs Robertson
Head of Wellbeing

A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported the Trussell Trust Harvest collection. The four trollies are full and we are using overflow boxes. Supporting others in our community is important and very much appreciated.

The days are drawing in, a big plea to ensure pupils are visible when travelling to and from school. I have had several emails from concerned members of the public regarding bike and scooter use. We talk to the pupils daily about this; please can you support us with this if your child uses a scooter or bike to travel to school.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday for Meet the Tutor evening.

Mr Christopher

A WEEK IN PICTURES



The Art Department's Poppies are looking great. We still need donations of any plastic bottles with rounded bottoms please.

The House Harvest Festival trollies are doing really well. We are collecting items up to 16th October.



Staff from Bournemouth University came in to speak to our Year 7 and 8 pupils this week.