



EMMANUEL CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2018 (2)



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the Autumn term. The pupils and staff have achieved so much during the first term of the academic year.

Returning in January will signal our first, full year in the Wimborne Academy Trust. It also marks the welcome of Verwood First and Hillside First schools into the Trust. I think this is a wonderfully positive move for families in Verwood. It supports our long term aim of EMS being the school of choice in Verwood. I am sure you will agree, with the support of the Trust and the experience of Mr Jenkinson in the senior team, the school has moved forward rapidly from January 2018 and there will be no let-up in 2019.

Coming back to the newsletter, it is fantastic to share with you activities that pupils have been involved in that enrich their education. Two new opportunities were launched this term. Emmanuel's Got Talent is proceeding well behind the scenes; many pupils have auditioned and I am sure the finals will be a huge event. The second was the inaugural House Cross-Country race. Well supported by pupils across the four House groups. We have some fine runners at EMS!

I am particularly proud at how pupils, parents and staff have supported charities this term. The information is found on page 3. As a school we have made a difference to the lives of families locally, nationally and internationally.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone in school is looking forward to a well earned rest and to achieving more amazing things in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Mr Rob Christopher
Head of School



Volunteer Required

We are looking for a volunteer who would be able to come and hear some year 6 pupils read for a couple of hours one or two afternoons a week. If this is something that you would be interested in doing, please contact the school office.

Last day of term
Friday 21st
December 2018
School finishes at
1.45pm



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 18th December and place items on tables for collection on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th 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 Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo).

Mr Rob Christopher (Head of School) and Mrs Elaine Robertson, (Head of Wellbeing) are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. 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 £162 from selling Pudsey badges and wristbands. Thank you for all your support for a very worthy cause.



PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre this year. The PTFA raised an impressive £2,151.50.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SHOEBOX APPEAL

The Rotary Club of Verwood have asked us to pass on their thanks for our participation in their annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. Our contribution helped them gather over 330 boxes from schools and churches in Verwood that went towards a Southern regional total of 26,491 !! An outstanding amount. These are in the process of being shipped to needy and underprivileged children in Albania, Romania, Montenegro, Moldova and the Philippines. They will bring smiles to many, many faces.

Pupil Fund Raising

Shannon Doherty, a former 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 an impressive £330.25.



EMMANUEL'S GOT TALENT

We have had a fantastic start to Emmanuel's Got Talent with over 70 auditions underway. The standard so far has been really high and it has been a delight to learn and discover hidden talents.

We have been entertained with a variety of acts; some sensational singing, dazzling dancers, magnificent musicians and magicians, joyful gymnasts, playful puppets and cracking comedians.

Thank you for your support at home, we have heard about play dates that have turned into rehearsals, home-made props and costumes which have all contributed to some first class auditions.

We have announced the semi-finalists who will be bringing a congratulations letter home this week. We are sorry we couldn't put everyone through, but hope those that still want to be part of EGT can help with the production of the show in March.

Also in the New Year we will be launching the art and design aspect of Emmanuel's Got Talent. The theme will be 'Best of British.' More details of this creative aspect of the competition will follow in the New Year.

Mrs Williams and Mrs Binning



House Cross Country Competition

House Cross Country took place at lunchtime on Tuesday 4th December. We had a great number of students take part. Year 5 and 6 ran around the course twice and Years 7 and 8 ran around the field 3 times. Everyone who ran achieved a point for their house and there were extra points for first second and third in each year group. Well done to everyone who ran around the muddy field. The results were:

Watson 100 points
Malala 80 points
Grylls 60 points
Vujicic 40 points



School Carol Service

It seems hardly possible that it is time for the Christmas Carol Service! Our pupils have yet again stepped up to the mark to produce another memorable service. There was a variety of carol singing, instrumental playing and readings. The pupils' enthusiasm and talent is really inspiring. We put the service on twice during the day for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 pupils and then again in the evening for parents and friends. I would just like to say thank you to all the staff that helped the pupils to do such a grand job including Mrs Richardson, Mrs Williams, Mrs Binning, Mr Christopher and Mr Jenkinson.



Year 5 Treehouse Theatre Greek Day

The children in Year 5 made an Olympian effort during their recent travels back to ancient Greece with inspiring actor, Ben Lindsay-Clark, for their famous Greek Day. For one day only, they ditched their school uniforms for Greek fancy dress and turned back the clock more than 2000 years to help bring this fascinating period of history to life.

Thanks to the involvement of Treehouse Theatre, the children created a 'play in a day' to re-enact everything they had learned. Before performing their play, entitled War and Peace in Ancient Greece, the children participated in a range of drama and music workshops, studying different Ancient Greek topics, including the Olympics, war and conflict, Greek theatre and creation stories.

In the afternoon, the workshops culminated in a lively, humorous journey through 100 years of Greek history, from war with Persia to the fall of Classical Athens! The children did themselves so proud and performed incredibly confidently in their roles.

Commenting on his experience with the Emmanuel children, Ben Lindsay-Clark said, "The children all threw themselves into the challenge of doing a play in a day with great energy and enthusiasm. They made the day so much fun."





St. Michael's, Verwood
& All Saints, Three Legged Cross

Christmas Services

All welcome

Sunday 2 nd	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 9 th	4.30pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4.30pm 11.30pm	Blessing of the Crib Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10.00am	Family Eucharist

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

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Verwood Pantomime Society
presents

Robin Hood
& Babes In The Wood

by Alan P Frayn

Tickets from November 1st - Box Office 01202 828740
Friday & Saturday shows - £10 Adults, £8 Children
Wednesday & Thursday shows - all tickets £7

VERWOOD HUB
COMMUNITY & LEISURE
January 2019

Dorset Youth Summit

On Thursday 18th October, eight schools in Dorset attended the annual Dorset Youth Summit in a hotel in Dorchester. Mrs Robertson took the KS3 School Council reps.

In the beginning, each school had to introduce themselves and talk about their own school councils. We told the audience all about our new House system and how the school council had chosen the inspirational people to head each house.

Each school had a separate table upon arrival and were asked to discuss what barriers there are to pupil voices being heard. We put our ideas on post-it notes. We then had to come up with solutions. Our table came up with the idea of Peer mentoring, which is a cheap and easy way of pupils coaching and supporting each other in school.

We then had to present our ideas to a board of "Dragons" from the local council. We were really happy when they announced that our idea had won.

We also listened to an inspirational speaker called Carl Konadu, who told us how important pupil voice is.

Out of the 150 young people who attended, the majority said that their favourite bits were meeting other school councils, listening to the inspirational speech, the thinking hats activity and of course the food!

Harvey Stone



EMS Great British Bake off Final!

Sixteen students took part in an after school bake off to make six Christmas themed cupcakes. It was the culmination of the Wednesday lunchtime Bake Off Club which had seen the students follow the Television show and complete Bake Off challenges at home.

They all had just one hour and a quarter to prepare, bake, decorate and present their

cakes; as well as wash up and clear away! The results were fantastic and they all made cakes worthy of the bake off. Our very own Prue and Paul had the very difficult task of judging. Our competitors were:
- Sophie Bartlett
and Evie Page,
Rianna Mistry and
Sasha Kathrecha,
Elsie Gilmour and
Morgane Dempsey,
Taryn Bull and
Charlotte Hackett,
Maddie

Masterson and Gracie Oughton, Emily Ross and Skye Wisbey, the runners up were Katie Lloyd Burrell and Grace Wentworth and the winners were Drew Montgomery and Keela Billington. Well done to all!



Beaucroft People Project

On Friday 7th December 2018, the Year 8s hosted a party for the pupils at Beaucroft School. After a lot of preparation and team work, we had set up lots of different activities around the school, which included things such as: the dining room, the sports hall, the activity room, face paints which were set up in the hive; we had a quiet room, for the pupils who didn't like a lot of noise, a grotto was made in the hall, and a production was performed by some of the Year 8 students at the end of the eventful afternoon. Some of us were also able to be carers for the children at Beaucroft for the afternoon, and we got to learn a lot about them during their visit.

We had recently been studying autism, Down Syndrome, and other needs in our Wellbeing lessons, so we would know more about different children's needs when they came to visit.

In the morning, lots of us wore our Christmas jumpers and we continued to decorate the corridors and organised the sound and lights; dancing, and all of the songs for the production as well as all of the food catering and the art designs that were brightly displayed around school. When Beaucroft arrived, the carers went outside to meet them and were paired up with their child. Once all of the Beaucroft pupils were inside, they were taken into the dining room for lunch. They all loved the food that the catering team had spent a lot of time making, especially the chocolate cake!



Next, the carers took the children around the different activities which was really enjoyable and lots of fun, there was lots to join in with and a lot of the children liked the basketball and football in the hall. The games room had board games, computer games and all of the students from both schools got along really well for the day. Once the Beaucroft children had been to all of the activities they wanted to see, they got to visit Mummy Christmas in the grotto, and then we settled down to watch the production.

The production team and all of the sound and lights team worked really hard to put on a fantastic show for all of us. The children enjoyed singing and dancing along with the performers and it was a very fun and successful day.

When the afternoon had ended, the Beaucroft pupils said goodbye to Mummy Christmas, and were walked back to their bus by the elves and the Year 8 carers. It was sad to see everyone leave, but it was an amazing day, which received a lot of positive feedback, and was certainly a day to remember.

By Emily Adams 8ST



No Put Down Week

In November, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Binnings took the Year 5 and 7 school council reps to Ferndown Upper school to find out about how they organised their No Put Down Week. We were welcomed by the FUS students and staff and were taken to their cafeteria. Once we had been introduced to each other, we sat down and talked about how different schools took part in No Put Down week.

After that we were given smiley face cookies and a drink and given compliment slips to write to each other. Then we were given a tour of the school, including their amazing art room.

We then got back into the minibus. We came away from there with lots of ideas on how to make our week really successful, including a surprise treat for our staff!

Charlotte Geary and Holly Richardson

From the staff point of view the week was really successful and better than our previous two. Starting from the assembly launch with the choir singing "This is Me" from Greatest Showman. The theme of No Put Down filled the school with positivity. The pupils who completed the Big Up Bingo cards, earned five candle stamps for themselves and an additional five for their houses. The School Council also took a tea trolley round to all the teachers on the Wednesday afternoon as a surprise. We were also delighted to receive many compliments by email from parents. It really built an ethos of kindness around the school and made us all proud to be part of Emmanuel Middle School.

Mrs Robertson
Head of Wellbeing



PE NEWS

X-Country - There have been two x-country competitions this term. 16 pupils from Emmanuel took part in these races across all years. There were lots of schools that entered these races, and approximately 80 pupils in each race.

Everyone did extremely well in these competitions, with the following pupils coming in the top 20:

Charlie Wooding
George Dashwood
Leon Homer
Jay Saunders
Oliver Robertson
Alex Philip
Mia Walker

Netball - Year 7 and 8 played against Cranborne on 15th Nov. All girls played really well. The first team drew 3-3 and the second team lost 3-2. We're hoping for a rematch after Christmas.

Year 6 also played against Cranborne on 22nd Nov. It was a very close game. The final score was 4-3 to Cranborne.

Victoria School - On Monday 26th Nov 15 pupils went to Victoria School in Poole for the day. It was a really successful day and the pupils learnt a great deal. They were taught how to set up a variety of sports activities to set up for the younger years back at Emmanuel. They worked extremely hard and came away with a lot of ideas.



KS2 and KS3 Girls' Football

Girls' Football is up and running again with a vengeance. The Y8 and Y7 girls played an U-13 County Cup match against Glenmoor School just before half-term and were unlucky to lose 2-0. We matched the opposition for most of the match and had a couple of excellent strikes saved by excellent goal-keeping. As half of the EMS team were made up of Y7 players this bodes well for the future.

The Y6 girls played in the East Dorset Cup at St. Michael's Middle School at the beginning of November. Although we did not go through, the girls were competitive in each match. It was such a great competition that any team in the tournament could have won.

Last month we were also visited by two AFC Bournemouth coaches who were promoting women's football. We had a fantastic turnout of 23 girls and practised some passing techniques. If any girls would like to join the local club contact details are below:

Potterne Park, Verwood BH21 6RS

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Girls aged 11-16

Cost: £2

Contact Girls and Women Development Officer, Matthew Underwood:
matthew.underwood@afcb.co.uk



Year 7 Girls' 5 a Side Football

The girls had a successful tournament at Canford School on Tuesday 18th December. We played six other teams for the East Dorset title and won four, drew one and lost 2-0 to the eventual winners, Parkstone Grammar. There were some fantastic performances:

- Imogen Rowley (Captain) scored 12 goals.
- Cordelia Pearson-Bartlett scored 3 goals.
- We beat Cranborne 5-0 (Imogen scored all five (pentatricks)).
- We beat St. Michael's 3-0.
- Ashleigh Prince was excellent in goal, as a Y6 pupil.
- We fought back from 3-2 down to draw 3-3 with Broadstone Middle and secure second place.

As runners-up all the girls received a silver medal and we just missed out reaching the regional finals. Well done to all involved.



Bryanston Sports Leaders Visit

On Wednesday 12th December a group of Year 8 Sports Leaders had the chance to participate in a sports conference at Bryanston School.

When we arrived each of us were given a top to wear for the events. Throughout the day we took part in various activities and sports.

At 12.30pm we headed to the canteen for lunch before going back to our activities. While everyone was at their activity set up, two of us were learning a dance routine.

At 3.45pm everyone went to the theatre to watch the dancers perform and then we listened to a speech, before heading back to Emmanuel.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

End of Term

Friday 21st December 2018
(school finishes at 1.45pm)

Spring Term

Staff Training Day (school closed)
Return after Christmas holiday
Break up for half term
Return after half term
Year 7 French Residential
Break up for Easter
Staff Training Day (school closed)

Monday 7th January 2019
Tuesday 8th January 2019
Friday 15th February 2019
Monday 25th February 2019
Mon 11th - Fri 15th March 2019
Thursday 4th April 2019
Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term

Return after Easter holiday
May Day
Year 6 SATS
Break up for half term
Return after half term
Year 6 IOW Residential
Break up for Summer

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Monday 6th May 2019
w/c Monday 13th May 2019
Friday 24th May 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019
Monday 1st - Friday 5th July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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

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 30th December 2018.

