

Dear Parents,

On Thursday we held a very productive PTFA meeting. As a school we are very lucky to have such an active group of parents who raise valuable funds that benefit the children at EMS. Disco dates have been agreed and planning for the Summer Fayre has started. These events are crucial fund raising activities and I welcome your continued support of these.

Year 7 enjoyed their Time in a Bottle roadshow with Paul Stevens today. It is such a fantastic learning experience for the pupils and so relevant in modern society. Please spend some time talking to your child, if they are in year 7, about the key messages from the day. It is a very convincing performance by Paul. This event has been funded by the PTFA.

I have spent considerable time in the Science department this week. Both Mrs Etheridge and Miss Davies have settled very well and the learning taking place and the type of work completed by the pupils has already dramatically improved. I hope you are hearing a similar message at home. The PTFA have agreed to purchase text books for the department to support the delivery of the curriculum. This will benefit every pupil in EMS. Thank you PTFA!

Today you will receive your child's report, a slightly revised version from what you are used to. Please read the covering letter to help your understanding. We welcome you to parents evening over the next couple of weeks. Please sign in at the relevant year group desk when you arrive. It is helpful to us to know who has attended. The focus of your meeting should be around next steps in your child's learning.

We have monitored pupil diaries this week to check that homework is being set as we have outlined and that pupils have been writing it in their diaries. I am pleased to say that on both fronts we are in a good routine.

Year 5 parents will receive a letter regarding Isle of Wight residential for next year. The date has been moved to July from October. Two benefits - warmer and after SAT's.

The Single School Action Plan has been reviewed by the School Improvement Team and will be updated on the website early next week.

The mornings this week have felt very dark and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage pupils to ensure they have lights on their bikes and where possible, wear clothing that makes it easy for cars to see them when they are on the roads. As clubs begin after school the same applies, at 4.30pm the sun has set and lights are required.

Have a great weekend and look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday at our first Parents Evening.

Rob Christopher



Our Year 7 pupils taking part in the Time in a Bottle workshops

