



## EMMANUEL CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2019 (2)



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Festive greetings!

I wish you and your families a fantastic Christmas break and a well deserved rest. Enjoy reading about all the fantastic activities pupils have been involved in across all year groups. Pupils and staff alike have worked their socks off, living out our core values to the max - excellence, endeavour and enjoyment.

A huge thank you and good luck to Mrs Ponchaud as she embarks on her new challenge as a year 6 class teacher in a Bournemouth primary school. She leaves us having pushed SEN provision forward and implementing effective tracking systems to ensure pupils are well supported through 'quality first teaching'. Mrs Ponchaud has always worked incredibly hard for her pupils and I am grateful for her commitment to improving the life chances for pupils under her remit. I am sure her family are looking forward to an improved work-life balance whilst enjoying being back in the classroom and preparing her year 6 class for their SATs exams.

Mr Alistair Barker will be joining EMS as Deputy Headteacher on a two-term secondment from St. Michael's Middle school as I take on the role as Headteacher. Mr Barker is well known to us at EMS through his role as Standards Lead for Maths across the Trust. We are taking on a very good leader and classroom teacher who will make a huge impact as we continue our improvement journey.

Thanks need to be given on several levels. To you, the parent/carer body, for your continued support and positivity. To the Wimborne Academy Trust as without being in this family the change in roles and the speed of change would not be possible. Finally, thank you to pupils and staff for their continued hard work and rising to the challenges put in front of them. Together, we make a great team and I am proud to lead such a great school that makes a positive contribution to its community.

I am sure 2020 will be a fantastic year, so much to look forward to and be excited about. However, for now, enjoy reading and reflecting whilst relaxing and recharging.

Best wishes

**Mr Rob Christopher**  
Head of School

Last day of term  
Friday 20th December  
2019  
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 Thursday 19th December and place items on tables for collection after school on Thursday. 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 Strepisils 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 Leads in school are Mr Rob Christopher (Head of School) and Mrs Elaine Robertson, (Head of Wellbeing). 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](http://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 £672 from wearing mufti to school, selling Pudsey badges and wristbands and collecting small change. Thank you for all your support for a very worthy cause.

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SHOEBOX

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 337 boxes from schools and churches in Verwood that went towards a Southern regional total of 26,092!! An outstanding amount. These have been shipped to needy and underprivileged children in Albania, Romania, Montenegro, Moldova and the Philippines. They will bring smiles to many, many faces.

### Year 7 Robotics Workshop at Ferndown Upper School

On 11th December a group of year 7 girls went to Ferndown Upper School for a robotics and coding competition. We felt really grown-up because we went with staff from Ferndown Upper School on their minibus. When we got there we went to what looked like a computer suite, but it was actually a place where year 9s coded and made robots. First, we were told to code our robot and check that they worked. After this, we went down into the dance studio and Emmanuel and Ferndown Middle raced their robots. Sadly, we did not win but we did draw with them. Finally we went back upstairs and had a quick presentation about engineering. Overall it was a great experience and everyone enjoyed it.

By Lily S and Lucy T

### Uniform and Equipment

It is imperative that pupils are ready to learn, equipped to learn and are smart in their appearance. Please support your child and EMS by assisting with the following:

- Equipment - pupils come to school with a pencil case that contains a blue handwriting pen, pencil and ruler. It is unacceptable for pupils not to have this equipment. On the flip side, please do not send pupils in with a huge pencil case full of new and expensive equipment.
- Time keeping - pupils late to school will start to be kept after school. Please ensure your son/daughter is in school no later than 8.40am. Lesson start at 8.50am.
- Uniform - jumpers worn on top of trousers and skirts, not tucked in.
- Appearance - in line with our policy, pupils are not permitted to wear mascara, eye liner, lipstick/coloured lip salve or foundation.

We highly value your support in assisting us to raise standards in all aspects of the school. If you have any concerns regarding the above, please contact your son/daughter's form tutor.



## Art Department

The Art and French Departments joined forces to strike up a relationship with a school in Verwood's twinned Town Oree D'anjou. Pupils from Emmanuel made and sent Christmas cards to the French pupils and we now eagerly await their New Year cards in return, as is the tradition in France. We are really excited about the prospect of more collaborative Art and French projects in the New Year.



A memorial flame piece of artwork created by pupils at Emmanuel has been selected by a distinguished panel of judges to feature as part of a national art exhibition to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The artwork is one of 75 memorial flames chosen to represent each year since the liberation of Auschwitz. These will be displayed at an exhibition which is set to be unveiled at the UK Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day in London on 27 January 2020, at which numerous VIPs are expected to be in attendance.

More than 300 groups from across the country registered to take part in the nationwide competition launched by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) to encourage more people to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

A huge well done to all involved.

Mrs K Thompson, Head of Art



### School Carol Service

The organisation for the service had a very exciting lead up, with a lot of prep, practice and of course the nerves when you're just about to play in front of roughly 200 people. But when your year group or class arrives then the nerves really start to kick in but everyone who participated got through it with ease and confidence.

The orchestra was made up of violins, guitars, pianos and flutes. They played the traditional carols such as The First Noel, Hark The Herald and O Come all ye Faithful. The Flautists played Silent Night. The Flautists were spectacular, it was played with such confidence.

#### Choir's Perspective

On 12th of December, we all meet in the hall to have a run through and practice the songs. On the day of the performance, it was pouring with rain so we had to go in the minibus. It took a while but we got there eventually. As soon as we arrived we put our bags in the hall. We set up and got one run through before Key Stage 2 arrived. We performance Stronger Together, Feliz Navidad and finally Sparkle and Shine. The choir had a really exciting time and everything went amazingly well.

The audience seemed to love the Service and were very happy to join in. The staff had worked countless hours to produce such a wonderful night.

By Taryn Bull and Charlotte Hackett



## Wimborne Minster Carol Service

Our Choir were privileged to be able to perform at Wimborne Minster for the Diverse Abilities Carol Service on the evening of Wednesday 18th December. It was a fantastic evening, the pupils had worked hard preparing and really wowed the audience. There was an adult choir (Funky Little Choir) also performing and we were able to perform with them for a couple of songs. Valerie Singleton (of Blue Peter fame) was the guest speaker. She came to speak to us afterwards, she described the choir as wonderful and said how the pupils' performances had made her evening. The choir received so many positive comments from the audience, the other choir performing and special guests. I believe the service was recorded for broadcasting on Radio Wimborne at some point on Christmas morning. Radio Wimborne is an internet radio station and we have asked them for specific times and if we get this before Friday we will let you know. It has really been our pleasure to work with them and provide this amazing opportunity. Thank you for supporting your children and enabling us to take them.

Mr Timmins, Mrs Williams, Mrs Whiteman and Mrs Binning.



## Reward Winners

A new reward system was introduced this term and has been well received. Pupils receive a raffle ticket for every 20 candle credits they earn. At the end of the term pupils can enter their raffle tickets into a draw for either a rewards afternoon (which was pizza and a film this term) or a £10 voucher. These rewards are very kindly funded by the PTFA and without their support would not be possible.

Everyone in Grylls House was also awarded with a mufti day on Friday 20th December for being the house with the highest number of candle credits.



This term's voucher winners



Winners preparing for their rewards afternoon



## Year 5 Treehouse Theatre Greek Day

### Inspired by Ancient Greece!

Yet again, 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. We certainly have a large number of budding thespians within the year group - watch this space!

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."



## Accelerated Reader

Our Accelerated Reader scheme was officially launched at the KS2 SATS Information Evening on Thursday 21st November to raise the progress of reading in school even further.

The scheme is open to all KS2 pupils and is initially aimed at boosting our KS2 results. It's fun, interactive and the online element also complements our very well-stocked library and also the wonderful resources at Verwood Library.

We are currently labelling all of our books in the Library so that recommended reading ages can be easily identified - ZPD levels. This will help the children to choose books that are appropriate for their reading age and for successful quiz answering. For this reason, we are asking for any outstanding books to be returned to the Library as soon as possible. If you have any at home, please could you send them in with your children.

We would also like to ask that quizzes are completed at school, rather than at home, in order to give more accurate results. This means that access to the site might not be available out of school hours or during the school holidays. Renaissance Learning recommend keeping Reading Records up to date, with any books recorded over the holidays, so that quizzes can be completed successfully when the pupils return to school.

Have a fantastic Christmas break!

Best wishes from  
Jerry Brenton - Head of English



## EMS Great British Bake off Final!

There was much excitement when Bake Off club stayed after school for our second EMS final. They had avidly watched the show and now it was their turn! Mrs Stewart tasked all 7 groups with baking and decorating six Christmas themed biscuits in one hour and a quarter, plus all clearing up to be done too. Our judges thought their efforts were fantastic, and once again it was a hard job deciding. Mr Christopher and Mrs Askam had to focus on the biscuits being well made and decorated, tasting delicious, and looking festive. After much discussion, and biscuit tasting our winners were:-

Madison Masterman and Sasha Kathrecha, with Drew Montgomery and Bella Mason as runners up.

A special mention to all our competitors who did so well; Isabelle Clapham, Megan Giltrow, Katie Dibden, Finnley Anderton, Will Nethercott, Carter Rex Evans, Grace Wentworth, Katy Lloyd Burrell, Grace Poole and Olivia Scott Douglas. Plus big thanks to Ashley who helped on the day!

Mrs Stewart



Dea Kestrel

## Beaucroft People Project

On Friday 6th December, the Year 8s hosted a party for the pupils from Beaucroft School. After a lot preparation and team work, we had set up lots of different activities around school, which included things such as: the dining room, the sports hall, the activity room, face paints and a quiet room, for the pupils who didn't like a lot of noise, 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, we were allowed to accessorise our uniform, so we looked Christmassy 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 three elves and the 31 carers went outside to meet them and Mrs Robertson paired them up with their child - they had already learnt a lot about them. 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 were lots of activities to join in with and a lot of the children liked the activities put on by Mrs Stocks and her team in the sports hall. All of the students from both schools got along really well for the day. When the Beaucroft children had visited each activity, they collected a Christmas stamp in their passports. When they had all five, they collected a bag of sweets. At 1.45pm, we all gathered in the hall 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 loved singing and dancing along with the performers and it was a very enjoyable and successful day.

When the afternoon had ended, the Beaucroft pupils 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. Chris Woodward from Beaucroft thanked the EMS pupils and staff and said it was the best party we have ever put on. Mrs Robertson and Mr Rangdale agreed with him.



## Beaucroft People Project

### Pupils' View

On 6th December, Year 8 threw a big party for the children from Beaucroft School. We had lots of preparation in our wellbeing lessons and we learnt a little more about autism and Down Syndrome.

When the children arrived they were assigned to their year 8 carer and they all went down to rooms 15 and 16 to each lunch. Every person in year 8 had a role to do; catering, caring, elves, arts team, lights and sound and the drama team. There was a few activities for the children to do for the day and they had a lot of fun. At the end of the day the drama team (Poppy, Jessica, Charlotte, Chester, Jake, Harry and Holly) did a great performance of their play and all the Beaucroft children really enjoyed it, dancing and signing along to the songs. In summary the Beaucroft children had a great time and all of the year 8s had an amazing insight into the Beaucroft children's lives.



by Layla A



Dear Kestrel

## PE NEWS

A group of Sports Leaders went to the Victoria School in Poole last month to be taught how to organise small group activities. This will enable them to use these skills at Emmanuel when organising various events. They also had the opportunity to spend the day with David Hill, a gold Medalist in the Paralympics. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and got a great deal from it.



### St Michael's Leadership

This term, 8 Emmanuel Sports Leaders had the chance to meet and work with the Paralympian Kate Grey at St Michael's Middle. The focus of this day was to help our pupils to improve their personal leadership skills through different activities. The first



activity helped them understand what qualities they look for in a good leader and what their own strengths are. After this the sports leaders developed their understanding of leadership and how they can bring this back to school, where they can utilise these skills to offer more lunch time

activities. Days like this are always an eye opener for Emmanuel pupils because it gives them more belief in themselves and that they already have the qualities to be a fantastic leader, they just need some encouragement to display them.

### Bryanston Sports Leaders

Mrs Stocks took 12 Sports Leaders to Bryanston School on Tuesday 17th December. The pupils had a fantastic day working with a variety of Sports Coaches. They were planning different activities that they will be able to organise and run at school. Well done to all of them for their hard work during the day.



## PE NEWS cont

### Futsal

The Dorset FA rolled out a Futsal school competition in our area for the first time and Emmanuel had to play fixtures against Cranborne and St Michael's to progress and represent the area at a Dorset Competition. The winners of this would then play regional matches against other parts of the country.

Emmanuel entered both a girls and boys team into this competition and our first match was against Cranborne. The girls won 5-3, the match was closer than the score line suggested and all our players had to show a strong mentality not to give up. Our determination and desire to win ensured us the victory. Some excellent play from Imogen Rowley and Holly Richardson displaying amazing close control of the football and quick one touch movement of the ball made life really difficult for Cranborne's defence.

The boys played after and they were really eager to start off well. The pace of the match was frantic and possession of the ball was key to success. Alfie Mollard produced saves which kept the score line at 0-0, until Emmanuel's persistence of pressure finally paid off and the goals kept coming. In a spell of 3 minutes EMS went 3-0 up. The most impressive part of this was the selfless nature of George Dashwood, having a big impact early on. Emmanuel were then in full control of the game and passing the ball very well, showing skill and control. They saw the game out 5-1.

Both teams through to the next round against St Michael's.

The girls started and finished their game in top gear. Within 4 minutes, EMS were 3-0 up and St Michael's were not allowed time on the ball to play their game. Our defense, Erin Safder and Charlotte Geary, were robust and didn't give many shooting opportunities. Imogen Rowley once again stole the show and was our main threat causing St Michael's players problems whenever she had the ball. EMS won this free flowing game 7-0 and the girls were through and had won our area's competition. Next stop was Bryanston to have a shot at representing at regional level.

The boys were very buoyant and confident in their ability to see the game against St Michael's through with a victory at the end. However it started with a lapse in concentration in defense combined with a really good strike from St Micheal's to take the lead. If Emmanuel were to win they needed to stay patient and believe in their ability. After some really good passing, Emmanuel managed to grab the equaliser and then attack in pairs from the restart to hound the opposition's defence and go 2-1 up. St Michael's then came back to equalise and then go one ahead through some good passing. EMS had a couple of close attempts and mounted the pressure on the opposition's defence, managing to break through and grab the equaliser and make it 3-3. With minutes to go there was an uncharacteristic mistake from the St Michael's defence which gifted George Dashwood the ball who calmly slotted home to make it 4-3 to EMS.

This was the final result and the boys would now join the girls and have the opportunity to play at Bryanston for a place at the regionals.



## PE News Cont

Emmanuel were the only school to have representatives in both the boys and girls competitions at Bryanston which was a fantastic achievement of their hard work. The girls' first match was against Parkstone Grammer, (who were the eventual girls winners) and they put on a master class of how the game should be played. Our girls didn't give up and they persevered and chased down the ball from the first whistle, trying to break down a well drilled passing team. It was not to be in this game and they unfortunately lost.

Their next game was against Gryphon School. The girls started to understand the intensity they needed to play at and played with much better team cohesion. Fantastic saves made by Mia Walker kept the girls in the match which they eventually drew 2-2. Imogen Holt and Imogen Rowley scoring for EMS.

Their final game in the mini League was against Bourne Academy and this was more a test about fitness as they had two games back to back. EMS started off brightly and were making good headway in the match finishing the first half 1-0 down. Into the second half, tired legs became the issue and EMS conceded an early goal but managed to find the strength to grab a goal back straight away. This was all the girls could assemble and unfortunately lost the game 4-1.

The boys first match was against Poole Grammar (who were the eventual boys winners). EMS started brightly and for the majority of the first half the score was 0-0. Poole then scored with a thunderous shot high into the corner which was unstoppable. EMS didn't give in and clawed back the equaliser from excellent pressing. At 1-1 it was anyone's game, big challenges and a fast tempo to the match resulted in Poole scoring another 2 more goals before the half was out. This unfortunately became too big a challenge for Emmanuel to climb losing their first match.

Their next game was against Gillingham School and EMS started brightly and took control straight away. Reasserting their confidence on the ball, playing with fluidity and conviction, winning the game 13-2.

Their last game was against Winton Boys. This was a physical game from the off and EMS had to utilise skill on the ball with quality movement off the ball if they were to be successful. Again like the first game it was a close encounter, unfortunately the boys lost 5-3 after trying to press hard to grab an equaliser late on.

Both teams should be immensely proud of their achievement and it has been a pleasure to take them on their Futsal journey. Well Done.

Mr Foord, Head of PE



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Autumn Term

#### Spring Term

Staff Training Day (school closed)	Monday 6th January 2020
Return after Christmas holiday	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Heatree Residential Parents Info Eve	Wednesday 15th January 2020, 6pm
PTFA Stationery Shop	Thursday 23rd January 2020
PTFA School Disco	Friday 31st January 2020
Year 6 Mock SATS	w/c Monday 3rd February 2020
Year 5 Residential	Tuesday 11th Feb - Fri 14th Feb 2020
Break up for half term	Friday 14th February 2020
Return after half term	Monday 24th February 2020
Reports Home	Friday 6th March 2020
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11th March 2020
Parents Evening	Tuesday 17th March 2020
Break up for Easter	Friday 3rd April 2020

### Summer Term

Return after Easter holiday	Monday 20th April 2020
May Day	Friday 8th May 2020
Year 6 SATS	w/c Monday 11th May 2020
Year 6 Residential	Fri 15th May - Mon 18th May 2020
Break up for half term	Friday 22nd May 2020
Return after half term	Monday 1st June 2020
Year 8 Activities Week	w/c Monday 22nd June 2020
Break up for Summer	Friday 17th July 2020
Staff Training Day (school closed)	Monday 20th July 2020

