

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we completed our Open Day events, welcoming prospective year 4 pupils and their families. Feedback after these events celebrates our excellent Ambassadors who are a great advocate for the school, and is the perfect way of demonstrating the personal development pupils make during their time at EMS. I will also take this opportunity to sing the praises of the staff. Well done everyone.

Today was an opportunity we have not been able to take for a while - supporting a charity event by raising funds for Children in Need. Dress Down Friday was a very Covid-safe way of going about it. In the coming weeks we will hold our traditional Christmas Jumper Day.

Congratulations to our cross country runners who ran at Baiter Park on Thursday. Notable performance from Sophie F who came second in her age group. Thanks to Mrs Stocks for organising and well done to everyone who took part.

On the extra curricular club front, it is great to see nearly 300 pupils attending at least one club. I would love for this to be everyone, even if that includes clubs outside of school hours. This links closely to the Chief Medical Officer advocating for pupils to be active for at least 30 minutes every day. When you consider travel to and from school, PE lessons, inter-house competitions and clubs in addition to clubs outside of school, there is scope for this to be real for our pupils.



The week has flown by and it has been great to visit so many lessons to see pupils and staff working hard in class. Mr Barker visits classes to see how staff are using Whole Class Feedback to further the pupils' learning as part of our teaching and learning strategy. There are some great things happening in classrooms.

Next week we will unfortunately be short staffed in the school office. Please make every effort to communicate pick-up times, appointments etc with your child before they leave for school. The office will be staffed from 8.30am, instead of the usual 8.00am, on Monday and Tuesday. Please continue to leave a message on the answer machine/absence line or send an email to [office@emmanuelmiddle.org](mailto:office@emmanuelmiddle.org), and these will be dealt with as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

As the darker nights are upon us, any after school sports clubs **that take place outside** will, from next week, finish at 4.15pm instead of 4.30pm. These clubs will also stop after 3rd December and begin again from w/c Monday 10th January 2022.

I will remind you closer to the time, the last day of term, Friday 17th December, will finish at 1.45pm. Pupils will complete their four sessions in the morning and have lunch as normal and then leave following afternoon registration.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Christopher

Verwood Pantomime Society  
*presents*



# Sleeping Beauty

by Joshua Clarke &  
Lewis Clarke

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**Saturday 22nd - Saturday 29th January 2022**

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