

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another solid week in school, which is good news considering the additional activities that will be taking place over the next two weeks.

Thursday 9th - Skills Builder Day: this is our second of the year that focuses on careers education. Thanks to Miss Stinson for her hard work and unrelenting positive attitude leading this. I am looking forward to the two crime scenes she has been busy preparing.

Wednesday 15th - Christmas Lunch - if your child would like a Christmas lunch please ensure this is ordered via the ParentMail form that was sent out on 12th November. Deadline for ordering is next Tuesday.

Wednesday 15th - Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper on this day for a donation of £1.00 to raised funds for our PTFA. Please note that the rest of their school uniform must remain the same - just swapping their school sweatshirt or PE hoodie for a festive jumper.

Thursday 16th - Key Stage Group Christmas Service at St Michael's Church. This comprises of a morning and afternoon event. It has been a long time since we have been able to attend and we are very much looking forward to this. We will be recording the event and posting it online. More information to follow.

Friday 17th - Apologies for any confusion of two times being shared with you. We will finish at 1.30pm We will hold four morning sessions and all pupils will eat lunch before departing. There is no lesson 5. On this day we will say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Anderson who I informed you was leaving in a previously Bulletin. We also say farewell and thank you to Mrs Cheadle who has been a Cover Supervisor at Emmanuel for nearly a year and is moving on to a new teaching role.

On Thursday 16th we will also bid farewell and good luck to Mrs Stewart who is taking on a counselling role at Bournemouth School. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and dedication. Pupils will have seen Mrs McGraw in class regularly over the past weeks. She will take on Mrs Stewart's Year 5, 7 and 8 classes for the next two terms. Mrs Parker will increase her hours to cover year 6 DT lessons. It is great to be able to replace staff with our own.

On Monday, Mrs Poole starts her role as a full time teaching assistant. For the next two terms she will work in Year 6. We have also been able to secure the services of Mrs Higgs for three afternoons a week, this starts in the new year. We are also interviewing for increased office hours on Monday as our team grows due to increased pupil numbers. Exciting times!

As we move towards the end of this term, it is a good idea to start planning for the next. Items of school uniform being replaced to keep pace with growing pupils whom I am sure are eating you out of house and home! Information regarding uniform and appearance (Pupil Uniform Guidance) is found on the school website under 'about us' and then 'policies and documents'. We will continue to keep uniform prices low by avoiding using expensive brands and heavily school branded kit that increase prices.

One question that has been asked frequently is exchanging cards and presents. I can confirm this is fine after it not being viable last year. Whilst we have moved to year group Worship in the hall there is no lack of advent excitement. This is such a great time of year.

We held our second and final parents evening online this week. Attendance was strong and thank you for taking time to review your child's progress since September. I hope the information you received covered what your child has done and what they need to do next in their respective subject areas.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Christopher