

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday period. It was great to have all pupils back in school on Thursday.

Congratulations to the following form groups who have read the most words as part of our Accelerated Reader programme. Pupils in the following classes will have a MUFTI DAY on Friday 21st January 2022: **5LE, 6JB, 7RDF and 8ER.**

Contrary to popular opinion, 7RDF were pushed really close by 7KR and can be overhauled this term. 6JB is being challenged by 6JNH, but in Y5 and Y8 the winning classes need more competition this term.

On Wednesday 26th January, QE are hosting a Careers Fayre. Middle School pupils have access to this from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. I would strongly recommend all year 7 and 8 pupils attend this. In school we host FUS for a Year 8 careers day and our Skills Builder programme benefits all pupils in school. This is a great opportunity to talk directly to employers. We will send further information in the lead up to the day.

Clubs begin again next week. We have been tracking club attendance and participation in House competitions. It is strong and we will continue to promote this with all pupils. Pupils travelling home from after school clubs on bikes and scooters should continue to have lights whilst the evenings draw back out.

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to Emmanuel. We have two new teaching assistants, Mrs Poole (who started just before Christmas and is working in Year 6) and Mrs Higgs who started with us this week on a part time basis. As you know Mr Gorgirzadeh (or as the children refer to him "Mr G") has replaced Mrs Anderson in year 6, and we also have Mrs Smith who has joined us part time in year 8 as joint tutor to 8AE and science teacher. Mrs Bartlett has joined our office team on a part time basis and Mrs McGraw, who is a familiar face at Emmanuel, has taken on the role of Food Technology teacher to replace Mrs Stewart. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them all to the Emmanuel community.

Thank you for your continued support with twice weekly testing and mask wearing (this is in place until the next Government review on 26th January). Please can we ask that you remember to report your lateral flow tests to us via the link on the front page of the school website. It is also important that you report all lateral flow results to the Government via their website (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>).

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Christopher