

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another very busy week draws to a close - so much has been going on this newsletter could go on for pages with celebrations, Epraise rewards, assessments and house assemblies supplementing our continued full curriculum offer. However, I'll keep this brief and I'm sure your children will fill you in on the variety of opportunities afforded to them at EMS of late.

Tuesday 19th sees our awards ceremonies at the Verwood Hub. Sales of tickets for the Year 6 & 8 parent events are strong - please secure your ticket(s) early - this will really help with planning. It was necessary to put limits on ticket purchases to ensure everyone had the chance to attend. The limits on the ticketing website will be removed at 10 am on Monday morning meaning that anyone who would like to reserve additional tickets will be able to do so. Therefore, to guarantee being able to attend (and therefore your child being able to attend) it is important you have booked by 10am on Monday.

I will take this opportunity to remind you that children will need to attend with an accompanying adult. We really hope everyone can attend to ensure all children have their moment to celebrate all their hard work. The forecast for Tuesday is looking very hot. We are looking at a contingency plan for Year 5 & 7 children to ensure they do not have to walk to the Hub and back for their service if the temperatures do hit the low 30's as predicted. This will be communicated in due course.

With the extreme weather in mind, I refer you to yesterday's ParentMail that children can attend in PE kit on Monday and Tuesday next week to help with feeling comfortable. I urge you to refer closely to the expectations of what is acceptable - in particular with the length of shorts - and check your child's attire before they leave home as those who are not acceptably dressed will be taken out of class until replacement clothes are delivered to school.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our second hand uniform sale. This will run in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 20th July at 8.30am - 9.30am and 3pm - 4pm.

I am sure it is on everyone's radar that next Thursday 21st July is the last day of term. As communicated last week, the end of school will be at 1.45 pm.

On Wednesday, Year 8 had their leavers' church service at St Michael's Church. I was grateful for the opportunity for all pupils to attend as a year group. Former pupils from FUS joined for some musical performances that I hope provide some motivation and aspiration to the pupils as they transfer to Upper School. Next week they look forward to their BBQ and Disco as their final activities as a year group.

We have spent time talking to all pupils about moving on and encouraging them to reflect on all the things they have achieved this year and to start setting targets for the next academic year.

A huge number of children have enjoyed Epraise reward activities this week - it has been fantastic to see the children recognising that their hard work is providing them with tangible rewards. Epraise points do not 'roll-over' from one year to the next so the pupils need to spend these by Thursday at 1.30pm. To ensure pupils can spend all their credits there are rewards arranged for September and October. In addition, there are a series of prize draws to buy raffle tickets for. Have a look in the Epraise shop! One activity proving to be popular is 'splat the teacher' - 3 sponges for 100 candle credits. I know I am going to be getting wet next week, although Mr Humphries is also proving to be a popular choice!

Reading skills are so vital to the learning of children across all subjects and it is no surprise that the children who read for pleasure generally have great success in this area. It is therefore very exciting to share that 37 children have become million word readers on Accelerated Reader this year. We also have 4 children who have joined the 3 million word reader club. Huge congratulations to Evie L and Jess W in 5LE, Jack C in 6JB and Sophie Bartlett in 8ER.

In addition, well done to the following who have achieved 2 million words this year: Lottie T-B in 5MB, Ethan G and Matilda H in 6JB, Isla M in 7KR and Brannan C in 8ER.

Remarkably we are also able to celebrate Chloe J in 7RDF who has read in excess of 6 million words. At the time of writing this was 6,109,076 words - although I'm sure by the time this got sent to you that number has risen! What a fantastic achievement.

We are so close to the end of a hugely successful year at Emmanuel. It has been a pleasure to see all the achievements of the children and the progress they have made - both in class but also in how they embrace the variety of challenges. The end of term can be challenging for some pupils. Please support us to keep standards high in the last week of term by ensuring uniform is still appropriate and sharing with them that expectations in school will always be as high as ever.

I wish you a very enjoyable, if not rather hot, weekend.

Mr R Christopher and Mr A Barker.