



# EMMANUEL CE (VA) MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2018 (1)

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Just when I thought winter was behind us, we have experienced some really cold days this week just to remind us that it is still winter and those warm coats are still needed.

The Year 6 pupils have completed their Mock SATs this week which have gone well. The pupils have used this experience to familiarise themselves with what will be expected of them in May. Thank you to the parents who came in this week to help the pupils who required assistance with the tests.

The year 7 pupils are currently looking forward to their French residential which departs in early March. This is a fantastic experience for them and I hope they have a wonderful time. Planning has also started for the Year 5 Wessex Water trip next month and the Year 8 activity week in June.

Hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Rob Christopher  
Head of School



### Late to school

The school is open at 8.30am - Registration is at 8.40am.

If your child arrives at school after 8.40am they must report to the school office to let us know they are here and safe.

If your child is absent for any reason please telephone the school on 01202 828100 by 9.00am or email [office@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk) and identify the name of your child, class and reason for absence.



### Staff News

Mr Hall is currently away on paternity leave and will be returning on Monday 26th February.

### Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher). If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact her through the school office. If Mrs Ponchaud is not available, please speak to Mr Christopher or Mrs Robertson who are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



## SCHOOL CLOSURE

Although we have escaped the snow so far this year, it is still 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 its own website.



## NO NUTS PLEASE

Please remember that the school operates a no nuts policy. Therefore children must not bring products which contain whole or part nuts into school. We reserve the right to confiscate such items and return them to your child at the end of the day.



## PE KIT REMINDER

The PE Department have requested that parents please remember to provide appropriate PE kit for the time of year. Pupils are taking part in sports outside and really should be wearing the long sleeve rugby shirts or school hoodies to ensure they are warm enough to effectively take part in the lesson.



## 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 Strepils 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.

## Year 8 Pupils

## Year 8 Visit to QE for Grease Production

On 1st February year 8 visited Queen Elizabeth Upper School to watch their production of Grease performed by the students. Our favourite song was Grease Lightening. Everybody played their part very well, even when things went a bit wrong.

After the performance we met the cast and chatted to them about being in the performance. Overall it was an amazing day out.

Ryan K and Bailey P



## PE NEWS

### Year 6 Indoor Athletics Tournament

We were lucky enough to have a large squad of athletes to take part in the PEDSSA indoor athletics. This is where the pupils were able to showcase their ability against other local school in the area where the winning team had a chance to represent Poole and East Dorset. All the pupils who took part were amazing, highlights were: The boys relay where we won by at least 3 seconds. Imogen and Mia who won the girls and Jack and Zack won the boys 6 lap paarlauf. Jay destroying the field at the speed bounce. Our school collectively came 5th. The hope is the year 5's next year can improve on this and get into the top 3.



### Year 6 Boys AFCB Boys Football Tournament

The boys represented the school at the AFCB Boys football tournament where the winning team go on to represent AFC Bournemouth at the King Power Stadium in Leicester. Once we finally found a car parking space (the boys had at least 10 laps of the Littledown car park!), they were placed into a strong group but unfortunately didn't manage to get through. The highlight of the tournament was beating Ringwood Primary 3-0. The team enjoyed the experience and played some lovely fluent football.



## Our UK Youth Parliament Election Experience

This Friday we went to the Dorset County Council hall in Dorchester to watch the UK Youth Parliament election 2018.

When we arrived, we were kindly greeted and taken to our seats. They gave us a green paper bag including information, resources and an inflatable dinosaur called Tod.

At 6:15pm we watched a presentation on what they did last year, they focused mainly on mental health and planned on releasing Self Help Wheels which were released this year. We listened to last year's winners talking about their time in the Youth Parliament.

After the presentation we watched all the candidates receive their certificates. After everyone had received their certificates they revealed the results. The winners were: Laurence, Rory, Mathew and Stasia. Two local candidates, Mathew from QE and Stasia from Ferndown won.

After the results we were invited for refreshments and to meet the candidates. We took a picture with the Chairperson of Dorset County Council and a dinosaur - don't ask! We talked to many of the candidates about their manifestos and asked many other questions. We met a Liberal Democrat MP and the Chief Executive of Dorset County Council.

We really enjoyed this experience and hope that these new faces will change Dorset for the better.

By Benjamin R and Aimee S



## YEAR 5 NEWS

The Year 5 Team would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year and thank you again for your support during the Autumn Term. The Spring Term is going to be just as busy so please read the information below carefully.

### Organisation

Since starting in September, the Year 5 children have had to become a lot more independent and organised and we are very pleased how many students use their school planner efficiently and effectively. Planners should be used daily for notices, homework due dates and messages. Please ensure that you are encouraging proper use of this and communicate through it when necessary. Finally, it has also come to our attention that many children are not wearing coats to school which is bizarre in this cold and rainy season. Whatever the forecast, children should be bringing a coat to school. Soaked and shivering students are not good learners.

### Sewage Works

To link in with our studies, Year 5 will be venturing out in March to Holdenhurst Sewage Treatment works in Bournemouth. Although not very glamorous, this is a very interesting and educational trip for the children to go on and we are looking forward to learning about this waste cycle. Please keep an eye out for letters regarding the trip and get return slips/payment in as soon as possible. Adult support is always welcome.

### Clubs

Please keep encouraging the children to take part in extra-curricular clubs at school. They are put on for their benefit and are a great way to either learn new skills, meet new people or just have some fun. We try to put on a range of activities for them to take part in so there is a nice balance of sport, music, worship and creative activities. Please see the website or notice boards for more details.

Regards

Mr Hall (Head of Year 5), Mrs Robertson, Mrs Prestage and Mr Cotton



## YEAR 6 NEWS

We have really hit the ground running on return to Year 6 after the Christmas holidays. A lot of our focus is on getting children ready and prepared to take their SATs in May this year.

### **Excellence, Endeavour, Enjoyment and Attitude to Learning**

We expect pupils' excellence to be the reward that committed endeavour brings. Furthermore, by prioritising pupils' wellbeing we ensure enjoyment is the foundation from which they can achieve excellence and sustain endeavour throughout. We are looking for children to constantly meet our values and even more so for the children who exceed in demonstrating our values across the school.

Achieving a 3 for A2L is expected in Year 6 and shows that a child is consistently meeting our school values. Achieving a 4 or 5 for A2L shows that a child is consistently meeting our school values and therefore is exceeding in their academic target. Achieving a 1 or 2 for A2L shows that a child is not meeting our school values and therefore this is having a negative impact on their academic potential.

A huge well done to the twelve children from Year 6 who were rewarded for their excellent A2L scores for the Autumn term and had a morning out to cook a delicious Christmas roast dinner with all the trimmings and pudding! I look forward to seeing which children will be rewarded for their A2L this term and organising the reward trip for the end of the Spring term.

### **SATS**

Mock SATS week commencing 5th February, will mirror the official SATS week, commencing 14th May; we will be practising how to fill in the legal information required on the front covers and completing them in the allocated time. It is also an opportunity for us to check that we have all the necessary individual support in place. We will be marking them as quickly as we can and allowing the children to take them home to celebrate their successes with you and highlight the areas that they need some help with at home.

### **Homework and Diaries**

It is fantastic to see that the children are using their diaries weekly to record their homework and their reading records to record when they are reading at home or at school. If they misplace their diary, they are expected to collect a paper version from their tutor to use and then copy in any information into their main diary.

Thank you very much for your continued support and communication.

Kind regards,

Miss Howe (Head of Year 6)



## KS3 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

My colleagues and I can barely believe that we are now virtually half-way through the academic year. Personally, I'm starting to feel rather dwarfed by some of our pupils and have witnessed them developing into increasingly confident and assured young adults. Although they are still firmly grounded within the familiar confines of Emmanuel Middle School, I suspect that many of our Year 8 pupils now have one eye firmly fixed upon their chosen Upper School and are quietly readying themselves for a period of change and transition. Our Year 7 children are also maturing rapidly and have adapted well to the positive changes taking place around them.

### Looking Back at the Autumn Term

#### The People Project 2017

It seems like only yesterday that our year 8 pupils made us all so proud with their terrific contributions towards hosting our annual 'People Project' (a Christmas party for the children of Beaucroft School).

It was great to see our students acting so diligently together to produce the food, decorate the rooms, organise the activities, stage a production and above all actively care for the Beaucroft children. Many of the Beaucroft staff commented on how maturely our Year 8 had acted to make the event an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all involved. I would like to thank all the members of the Year 8 team and in particular Mrs Robertson for organising the day so well and ensuring that everything ran so smoothly.

#### Year 8 Ambassadors

Again, I'd like to thank and praise our Year 8 Ambassadors for the fantastic contribution that they have made recently in providing tours of Emmanuel Middle School to prospective families, acting as guides during our open day / evening and supporting the staff on a daily basis. Many of our Ambassadors are about to take on a further, important role. They will be listening to Year 5 pupils read (on a weekly basis). This additional support proved to be very successful in helping to improve our younger pupils' reading skills and was also very popular amongst the older children. A useful initiative! The Ambassadors are certainly 'doing their school proud' and promoting a really positive ethos that is, I believe, permeating out into the local community.

Our Year 7 pupils, who may be considering becoming ambassadors in year 8, will need to have a sustained attendance record of at least 95% and an average attitude to learning score of 4.5 or more... This is something to aspire to...

#### Reward Trips

I was genuinely pleased to see a broad spectrum of our Key-stage 3 pupils being sent on the ice-skating reward trip. I feel that this gives recognition to the boys and girls who consistently contribute positively in a range of lessons. The Easter reward trip will be linked directly to the number of candle stamps that our pupils can accumulate. These can be gained by making a noticeably -positive contribution in a lesson, exceeding expectations and offering support to others. I look forward to more of our pupils being rewarded for their exemplary attitude and behaviour.



## KS3 NEWS cont

### Looking Ahead

#### Year 8 Activity Week

I'm currently in the process of organising this year's Activity Week for all our Year 8 pupils which will take place from Monday 18th June to Friday 22nd June. I'm hoping to arrange a variety of activities that will provide our pupils with some entertaining, memorable and also educational experiences before they depart EMS for their chosen upper schools. As soon as the itinerary is finalised and agreed (hopefully by the beginning of February) I'll send a separate letter out detailing the schedule and also outlining the costs which we have sought to keep as reasonable as we can. Last year's activity week included a trip to Tower Park (the cinema and Splash Down), a field studies excursion to the wonderful Leeson House in Swanage and an entertaining day out at Paulton's Park. This year I'm hoping to add a trip to Marwell Zoo and an afternoon at Laser Quest to the schedule! Watch this space...

#### Upper School Admissions

Year 8 pupils will have their Upper School places published and confirmed on 1st March. Please note that EMS staff will have had no influence on the decision making process and are unable to intervene in any appeals made to either FUS, or QE on behalf of pupils. Queries need to be made directly to the Upper School.

Once the admissions process has been completed and confirmed please keep a close eye on the Upper Schools' websites with regards to forthcoming transition information, parents' evenings etc. I will send out information at the start of the Summer Term, just to clarify key dates.

#### And Finally

The feedback I received from our recent parents' evenings was very positive. It has been a period of rapid change and improvement for the school and the children of Key stage 3 have quickly adapted to the demands placed upon them. It has been gratifying to see current and new colleagues striving to raise standards - whilst our older pupils' have shown a genuine willingness to accept new procedures and routines. I look forward to the second half of the Spring Term and the many exciting challenges and learning opportunities that it will bring.

Best Regards

Mark Rangdale (Head of Key Stage 3)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Spring Term

Break up for half term	Friday 9th February 2018
Return after half term	Monday 19th February 2018
School Disco	Friday 23rd February 2018 (6.30pm)
Year 7 French Trip Departs	Monday 5th March 2018
Year 7 French Trip Returns	Friday 9th March 2018
Year 5 Wessex Water Trip	Monday 12th - Thursday 15th March 2018 (one class per day)
Year 8 Chelsea's Choice	Monday 12th March 2018
School Disco	Friday 23rd March 2018 (6.30pm)
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29th March 2018

### Summer Term

Staff Training Day	Monday 16th April 2018
Pupils return after Easter holiday	Tuesday 17th April 2018
Bags to School (Recycling)	Wednesday 25th April 2018
PTFA Stationery Shop	Thursday 26th April 2018
May Day (school closed)	Monday 7th May 2018
Year 6 SATS Week	w/c Monday 14th May 2018
Break up for half term	Friday 25th May 2018
Return after half term	Monday 4th June 2018
Class Group Photographs	Thursday 7th June 2018
Bags to School (Recycling)	Friday 15th June 2018
Summer Fayre	Friday 29th June 2018
Taster Day	Friday 6th July 2018
Break up for Summer	Wednesday 25th July 2018

Term dates and events can be found on the  
School website

