

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin at the end of our first full week. The pupils have now experienced each of their lessons at least once, routines are starting to embed and new starters have their feet well under the table. For pupils to fully embed their learning and develop skills of independence it is crucial that their in school curriculum is supplemented by homework. These routines are now up and running and I thank you all for your support in ensuring this is completed. Asking to **see** the completed homework rather than asking if it has been completed will ensure it is done. Below is a reminder of our homework expectations.

Homework and digital platforms:

Years 5 and 6

Maths.co.uk set Thursday to Thursday

English Grammar Book works set Thursday to Thursday

Accelerated Reader - read books of your choice and quiz to earn points for yourself and class

Year 7 and 8

Tassomai - Pupils need to complete their daily goals at least 4 times a week. This is for Maths, Science and English

Sparx - Set Friday to Friday

Accelerated Reader - read books of your choice and quiz to earn points for yourself and class

Tassomai, Sparx and Google classroom all login using the pupils' school google accounts. Pupils should have written their google account logins in their diaries. Accelerated Reader - pupils need to use the school website link (don't google it as the link has a specific code for our school). Once they have their passwords these will be in their diaries.

Volunteers

We would love to hear from anyone interested in listening to pupils read or support in practical rooms - Resistant Materials, Food or Textiles. Any help would be gratefully received. If you feel you are able to give an hour or two each week please contact the school office.

Local School Committee

We are looking to recruit two new members. This is an opportunity to be involved in school governance - for more information and an informal conversation about the role please contact Mrs Bartlett:

labartlett@initiolearning.org

Careers

Mrs Robertson has organised a Moors Valley trip for year 8 as a careers event on Tues 3rd October followed by Careers Fair at QE on Weds 11th, 5-7pm. More information to follow.

500 Words - BBC Competition



On 'World Book Day', you may have seen on the news that the UK's most successful children's writing competition, 500 Words, will relaunch this September, supported by BBC Teach with the launch starting on Wednesday 27th September.

We have so many talented young writers at Emmanuel that we will be promoting this in September, including running lessons and workshops to help the children with their writing. But don't wait until then! We can start developing some of our ideas now.

500 Words is a UK wide competition to find the most talented young writers. Since it was first launched by Chris Evans on The Radio 2 Breakfast Show in 2011 and continued by Zoe Ball until 2020, the competition has received over a million stories written by children, generating more than 440 million words to date.

New for 2023, World Book Day ambassador Sir Lenny Henry will be making his debut on the 500 Words judging panel, alongside the original judges - award-winning and best-selling authors Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman.

A message from Ms Fagge (Head of French)

Applications are now welcome from any KS3 pupils who would like to become a Language Leader. We have already received some so "un grand merci" to those super organised and keen pupils. We appreciate that pupils may already hold other subject duties so this is okay. Roles include helping at Open Evening, judging House challenges, pupil voice work with Ms Fagge and promoting the learning of French around school to the younger pupils. If you would like to apply, hand write a letter outlining your love for languages and your skills for the responsibilities. The deadline is Friday 22nd September. Hand your letter personally to Ms Fagge.

There will be a House challenge to celebrate the European day of Languages Listen out for more information coming to you soon!

We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker