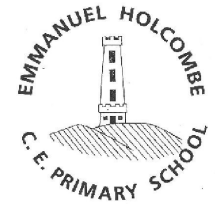


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

March 2024

Welcome to the March Newsletter. We trust you all had an enjoyable half term. We are now in the second half of the academic year and we continue to be very proud of the progress our children are making. This is a short half term, (just under 5 weeks) and we have plenty of fun-filled activities planned for the busy month ahead. Please do take the time to read the newsletter and find out what is happening.

MUSIC AND CULTURE WEEK

During the last half term, the whole school enjoyed a fabulous week of music from musicals, led by Katie Geelan. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning new songs from some popular musicals. The final showcase was absolutely wonderful and we would like to thank the children for their effort and enthusiasm and all of our parents who came to support us.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that we have welcomed three new members of staff to our team: Mrs Gina Goddard, Mrs Gemma Haliwell and Mrs Jane Bowler. All three members of staff bring a huge wealth of experience to their roles and we are thrilled that they are joining the Emmanuel family.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Kai Cornick in Peelers. Kai has brought enthusiasm and dedication to her role and we wish her all the very best for the future.

MAYOR'S VISIT

Recently our School Council visited the Mayor at her chambers in Bury and we then invited her to visit Emmanuel Holcombe. The School Council conducted a guided tour of school and asked the Mayor lots of questions. She was very impressed with what she saw.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

We have accepted a quote to complete the green railings that run around the perimeter of the school grounds. This will include both a pedestrian and a vehicle access gate at the top of the land. Dave our gardener has done an excellent job of preparing the grounds in readiness for us to use this Spring and Summer. A HUGE thanks goes to our PTA who have raised the funds to pay for the gates.

I would also like to thank the group of parent volunteers who cleared our pond area over half term—it is looking fabulous.

Finally, Mrs Hughes will be completing her Forest School training with Communitree this term. At the end of the training programme Mrs Hughes will be a fully qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader and we will be able to run our own Forest School programme in house. Watch this space!

If you have any interest in supporting us with Forest School, gardening or grounds maintenance, please contact the school office.

GLUE STICKS

We greatly appreciated all the support that you gave us earlier in the school year. If you are able to help by contributing towards the basic resources for the children—please add a glue stick to your shopping basket when out shopping, this can be sent into school where we can distribute them to the classes. You wouldn't believe how many gluesticks we get through!

Please note this is for anybody who is able to help us, and is by no means expected. Thank you, we really appreciate any help you can give us.

EASTER THEME WEEK



The week commencing Monday 25th March we will be having an Easter Theme Week in conjunction with Emmanuel Holcombe Church. The children will be visiting church, walking up Holcombe Hill and enjoying a range of other Easter related activities. You **do not** need to supply anything from home for any of the planned activities. If the weather is not favourable, we will communicate with you about your child bringing in wellies via text message.

On Thursday, 28th March, we will be holding our Easter Service at Emmanuel Holcombe Church at **2:15pm**. All parents / carers are welcome. School will close at the normal time of 3:20pm.



The 'Year at a Glance'

2023-24

Below are dates that have been booked for the next academic year. **New dates will be added to monthly newsletters in RED.**

2024

Tuesday 12 th March	Beech Class – Anglo-Saxon Workshop
Friday 15 th March	Non-Uniform Day for Coloured Hampers
Tuesday 19 th March	Oak Class – Drama & Dance Workshop, Lowry
Friday 22 nd March	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	2.15pm Easter Service in Church (Maundy Thursday)
Thursday 28 th March	3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 15 th April	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM
Wednesday 24 th April	Oak Class – Crucial Crew
Thursday 25 th April	9.00am: PTA meeting – Spring Fair planning meeting
Friday 26 th April	9.00am Family Assembly
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
WC Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 16 th May	3.20pm PTA Cake and pre-loved uniform sale
Saturday 18 th May	1.00pm – 3.00pm PTA Spring Fair
Monday 20 th May	2.30pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 21 st May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Friday 24 th May	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 24 th May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR MAY HALF TERM
Monday 3 rd June	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 11 th June	6.00pm New pre-school and Reception Information Evening
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 6 – Manc Cathedral Leavers Service
Wednesday 19 th June	Beech Class – Crowden Valley

Wednesday 26 th June	Well-being Wednesday
Wednesday 19 th June	Acorns Sports Day in school
Friday 28 th June	9.00am Family Assembly
Tues 2 nd & Wed 3 rd July	Transition days for Y6 - Woodhey
TBC	OAK Class End of Year Show
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 6 Reward Trip
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Meal
TBC	Leavers' Service in Church
Thursday 18 th July	2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR SUMMER
Friday 19 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY