



EMMAUS NEWS

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Welcome back!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, parents and staff, especially those new to The Emmaus Federation. We trust that you have all had a restful summer break and that you are now ready to get back into a school routine that is new for all of us.

As you might expect, this newsletter predominantly covers the expectations around Covid-19.

First of all, I feel delighted to share with you that all of the children have settled back remarkably well. They are polite, smiley and have taken to Covid measures in school with ease.

Similarly, our new Reception come into school like they have been coming here for years – they have settled so well and are all absolutely marvelous!

We planned as a Federation for the first week or so in school to be 'recovery' based: working on English texts which foster unity, understanding and covers some of the issues pertaining to schools being closed. We feel that the vast majority of children are now ready to take on the whole curriculum and seem to be relishing the challenge of their learning. We will be conducting some simple assessments to ascertain the children's gaps in learning because of Covid so that teaching can be tailored to address any gaps caused by not being able to fully deliver our normal summer term curriculum whilst still ensuring the children are taught the current autumn term curriculum. It will also help us to provide additional support for any pupils who have fallen further behind when we receive the Government's 'catch-up' funding.

As I write this, I have spent the morning updating records for pupils or adults in school who are symptomatic. We have had many reports of symptomatic children: high temperatures (37.8 degrees or above), a new cough or a change in taste or smell. All of the results that have come back so far are negative. I think the high numbers are due to the fact that the children have been apart for so long. However, it does demonstrate how easy germs spread and we are continually reminding everyone about social distancing and making sure everything is clean and everyone follows good hygiene practices. Please can I also ask that you follow this vigilance outside of school as this is not going to go away and it is our priority to keep the school up and running and as safe as it can possibly be.

Please DO NOT send your child to school if your child is symptomatic - it is imperative that we all stick to the rules! The guidance is 10 days for anyone who is symptomatic and 14 days for all other household members. You are advised to book a test and your child can return to school if the result is negative (and all other household members can resume normal duties). The tests are refreshed at 10:00 am and 8:00 pm and this is worth noting as I know this has been a challenge for families.

If your child is unable to attend school and is well enough to do so, your child's class teacher will provide a package of weekly home learning via Class Dojo. All work can be uploaded on the portfolio page so we limit the amount of cross-contamination. If you are unable to access our home learning on Dojo, please telephone the school and leave a message with the office or send a message over Dojo to your child's class teacher.

Finally, thank you for all of your support. I do feel that we need to work as a team on this and we are really grateful for all of your positive feedback and adhering to the measures that are in place.

Mrs C Collett
Executive Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Come and join us each week to celebrate your child's learning. The Zoom link is published on Dojo.
Sutterton- Friday at 9:20 am
Swineshead – Friday at 2:00 pm

Dojo Points

The children are gaining lots of Dojo points and these will be presented by our new School Council. Who will win: The Red Arrows, The Withams, The Lincolnshire Poachers or the Yellow Bellies?

School Council



Do you have lots of good ideas?
Do you want to make the school a better place for everyone?
School Council elections take place on Thursday 17th September. The letter is on Dojo or just let your child's teacher know.



Introducing a new online adult maths course.....

Calculations without calculators!

This is a free Family Learning course

available to all mums, dads, grandparents and carers!

Do you need to upskill or refresh your maths and learn methods for calculations without the use of a calculator?

Forgotten how 'borrowing' works or not sure about what method to use to multiply?

This online course will help you 'get to grips' with non-calculator mental and written methods ready for everyday or for exams* (*Functional Skills or GCSE maths)

This is a 5 week online course –

using an online platform such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Wednesday 16th September to Wednesday 14th October 2020

Virtual classroom sessions will start at 10am and finish at 11.30am.

You will need to be available at this time each week.

We have 12 spaces for this course – so register your interest now!

School Meals

All meals will be a packed lunch throughout the autumn term. This is because we can't have staggered timings in the hall as we would be serving hot lunches all day.

When ordering school meals please use your log on to order meals online. If you have any queries or need new login details please contact The Farm Kitchen directly who will be happy to help you. You can order via the link on our website or they can also be contacted on 01529 460821 or directly at:

<http://www.thefarmkitchen.com/>

#HelloYellow

At a time when it's needed most, come together for #HelloYellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day

On Friday 9th October, we will be having a non-uniform day, but please try and wear something yellow. We are not collecting money, but raising awareness of positive mental health through a range of lessons, activities and assemblies.

Harvest Festival

Please join us for our Harvest Festival with Fr. Charlie on Thursday 24th September. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the time and your child's class will be able to share their learning with you.

Harvest donations should be brought into school on Friday 25th September in a carrier bag. Sutterton's produce will be taken to Boston's satellite foodbank held at St Mary's, Sutterton.

Swineshead's produce will be handed to the coordinators of the foodbox located near the Methodist church.

More details to follow.

Sutterton Diary Dates

17 th September	School Council Elections
21 st September	Tracking Week
23 rd September	E-Safety Committee Elections
24 th September	Harvest Festival via Zoom
29 th September	Phoenix Class Assembly via Zoom
6 th October	Hyde Class Assembly via Zoom
9 th October	#HelloYellow Mental Health Awareness Day
12 th October	Parents' Evening via Zoom
13 th October	Flu vaccines – all pupils
13 th October	Central Class Assembly via Zoom
20 th October	St James' Class Assembly via Zoom
22nd October	End of Term 1
2nd November	Start of Term 2

All assemblies are held at 9:20 am unless notified differently
Invitations to Zoom meetings will be sent out via Dojo

Swineshead Diary Dates

17 th September	School Council Elections
21 st September	Tracking Week
23 rd September	E-Safety Committee Elections
24 th September	Harvest Festival via Zoom
30 th September	Kelso Class Assembly via Zoom
6 th October	Reception 2021 Open Morning via Zoom
7 th October	Tintern Class Assembly via Zoom
9 th October	#HelloYellow Mental Health Awareness Day
12 th October	Flu vaccines – all pupils
13 th October	Parents' Evening via Zoom
14 th October	Parents' Evening via Zoom
14 th October	Sempringham Class Assembly via Zoom
21 st October	Fountains Class Assembly via Zoom
22nd October	End of Term 1
2nd November	Start of Term 2

All assemblies are held at 2:20 pm unless notified differently
Invitations to Zoom meetings will be sent out via Dojo