



EMMAUS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year - I hope you all had a peaceful and restful holiday! We were pleased to see that the children have returned to school safe and well and have obviously enjoyed their long break! A special warm welcome to all our new parents and children. We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with The Emmaus Federation and that your children will succeed to the very best of their ability during their time at our school.

Our curriculum has been significantly revised over the summer term and all classes have been provided with a deep and comprehensive plan for the whole of the curriculum for each particular year group with the outcome being that the content is one that is much deeper, thorough and with enrichment opportunities.

The federation has invested heavily in many new school improvement initiatives and we look forward to your child sharing their new learning with you. The Collins Busy Ant Maths scheme will be taught to pupils alongside White Rose Maths and TT Rock Stars. Accelerated Reader (AR) will also be undertaken by all KS2 pupils. The children will read in class for 30 minutes per day and will also need to read for 30 minutes at home. The children then undertake a quiz on what they have read with a focus on reading comprehension. The Education Endowment Foundation has carried out a great deal of research on AR and it is regarded as being one of the best reading programmes available with an average improvement on outcomes of 3 months and 5 months for children in receipt of free school meals.

We have also looked closely at the school timetable. We have reduced the number of whole-school assemblies to ensure more time is directed to learning. All children will still take part in daily worship and we will still continue with 'Open the Book', (a bible drama group), Father Charlie's collective worship, class assemblies and celebration assembly. Assemblies at Sutterton will start at the slightly earlier time of 8:50 am.

The behaviour management strategies for the federation have also changed. We are keen to optimise the ever popular Class Dojo even further and pupils will be able to gain additional points for the new initiatives which we have brought in. This year, pupils can also lose Dojo points. The Dojo points gained will then be accrued to spend at the Dojo Shop. We will remove Golden Time as this is deemed to be no longer effective as a strategy. We will instead award Dojo points and use the time more productively in ensuring the curriculum is covered in depth and is more enriching.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs CV Collett, Executive Headteacher

Drop-Offs

Children should enter the school through the main side gates. We have had a couple of instances of parents taking their KS1 child through the KS1 gate and then walking around the school with their KS2 child. KS2 children should enter through their own KS2 side gate and parents to leave their child at the gate. This encourages independence for KS2 children and reduces any potential safeguarding issues.

Thank you

Medical

From time to time your child may need to take prescribed medication which falls during the school day.

If this is the case please complete the medication consent form in the main office. All medication is kept in a supervised area.

New Health Care forms have also been sent out and need returning back to school as soon as possible please.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Please note that the system has now changed for parents entitled to claim for FSM. The process is now an on-line system and can be slightly confusing for families. A letter will be with you shortly to help advise you on how to apply. All FSM claims need to be completed before the end of September and the funds from this are vitally important to the school.

Swineshead Diary Dates

7th Sept – No Celebration Assembly
7th Sept – Year 6 swimming
13th Sept – Roald Dahl Day: dress-ups and themed activities
14th Sept – Celebration Assembly at 2:30 pm
17th Sept – Schools clubs to start
17th Sept – School Council elections
19th Sept – Westminster Class Assembly at 9:00 am
20th Sept – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 1:30 pm
25th Sept – School Photographs
26th Sept – Lindisfarne Class Assembly
27th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2:00 pm
3rd Oct – Kelso Class Assembly
10th Oct – Fountains Class Assembly
10th Oct – Mental Health Awareness Day – wear yellow
16th Oct – Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm
17th Oct – Crowland Class Assembly
17th Oct – Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm
18th Oct – Kirkstead Class Assembly

19th Oct - End of term

30th Oct – Start of term

7th Nov – Tintern Class Assembly
9th Nov – Remembrance Assembly
14th Nov – Priory Class Assembly
16th Nov – Children in Need – non-uniform fundraiser
20th Nov – English as an Additional Language Day
21st Nov - YR to Y5 flu vaccinations
21st Nov – Ramsey Class Assembly
10th Dec – EY/KS1 Nativity at 5:30 pm
11th Dec – EY/KS1 Nativity at 9:30 am
11th Dec – LKS2 and Priory Nativity at 1:30 pm
11th Dec – LKS2 and Priory Nativity at 5:30 pm
12th Dec – 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Christmas pantomime at the South Holland Centre
13th Dec- EY/KS1 Nativity at 1:30 pm
13th Dec – LKS2 and Priory Nativity at 5:30 pm
14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
18th Dec – Christmas Musical Extravaganza and KS2 Carol Concert at 2:00 pm
20th Dec – Christmas Service at St Mary's Church at 1:30 pm

20th Dec – End of term

7th Jan – Start of term

Sutterton Diary Dates

7th Sept – No Celebration Assembly
12th Sept – Year 6 swimming
13th Sept – Roald Dahl Day: dress-ups and themed activities
14th Sept – Celebration Assembly at 8:50 am
17th Sept – Schools clubs to start
17th Sept – School Council elections
18th Sept – Regent Class Assembly at 8:50 am
19th Sept - Eco Council elections
20th Sep - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 9:30 am
28th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:30 am
2nd Oct – St James' Class Assembly
10th Oct – Mental Health Awareness Day – wear yellow
15th Oct – Parents' Evening from 3:10 pm until 7:00 pm
16th Oct – YR to Y5 flu vaccinations
16th Oct – Richmond Class Assembly

19th Oct - End of term

30th Oct – Start of term

6th Nov – Phoenix Class Assembly
9th Nov – Remembrance Assembly
20th Nov – Hyde Class Assembly
4th Dec – Central Class Assembly
10th Dec – EY/KS1 Nativity at 5:30 pm
11th Dec – EY/KS1 Nativity at 9:30 am
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Healthy Lunches

Our Packed Lunch Policy requests that parents do not include the following items in packed lunches:

- Any food containing nuts
- Fried food
- Sweets (including Winders), chocolate
- Fizzy drinks/sugary drinks

Please refer to our website for more information on all of our policies

