

Emmanuel News

T.E.A.M - Together Everyone Achieves More

Friday 20th June 2014



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Sapphire class had a wonderful time at Coram's Field on their 'Country Dancing' trip. We all look forward to seeing their dance on Thursday 17th July (after the 9.15am Prize Giving Service) along with all the other classes. A reminder to parents that the Prize Giving & Leavers Service will begin at 9.15am in Emmanuel Church on Thursday 17th July. Year 6 will lead the service and we will enjoy music from the choir, brass band and also our guest speaker, Jeff Norton who will talk to the children about his journey from school to becoming a successful author. Prizes will be given to Year 6 leavers and two pupils per class for their achievement this year. It is a an important service for pupils in Year 6 and their families but we invite other parents to also come along to help celebrate the children's achievements.

Kind regards, Miss Fitzsimmons

Parent Workshop – 'New National Curriculum'

Thank you to the 16 parents who attended the Parent Workshop on the 'Changes to the National Curriculum' led by Miss Crockard. Parents commented positively on our approach to keeping many of the successful topics we already have in school and introducing new topics to the curriculum. Miss Crockard also discussed the changes in Mathematics and how ICT will become 'Computing' in September. As you know, ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum is very important to us at Emmanuel so that every child can achieve. Curriculum Leaflets, giving details of what will be taught in each class, will continue to be sent out at the beginning of each term.

Request for Leave Reminder

It is an offence to take unauthorised holidays during the school term time. As you know, on 1st September 2013, the government amended the regulations regarding term-time holiday. Whereas in the past guidance from Camden made provision for holidays within term time in special circumstances and at the discretion of the Headteacher, this is no longer allowed. New regulations state that Headteachers **must not grant any leave of absence during term time** unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. The new regulations also require that all applications have to be **made in advance** to the Headteacher by parents seeking leave of absence (school form must be completed). Parents will have to prove to the satisfaction of the Headteacher that their request is due to exceptional circumstances and will need to be supported by documentary evidence.

Penalty Notice Reminder

It is important that you should be aware that, if you take your child out of school without authorisation, the matter will be referred to the Education Welfare Service. Under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 the Education Welfare Service may issue a Penalty Notice/s.

The fine of the Penalty Notices is £60 for each parent and for each child if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid between 21-28 days and if it remains unpaid the matter may be taken to Court. The Education Welfare Service has the option of taking the matter directly to Court without first issuing a Penalty Notice.

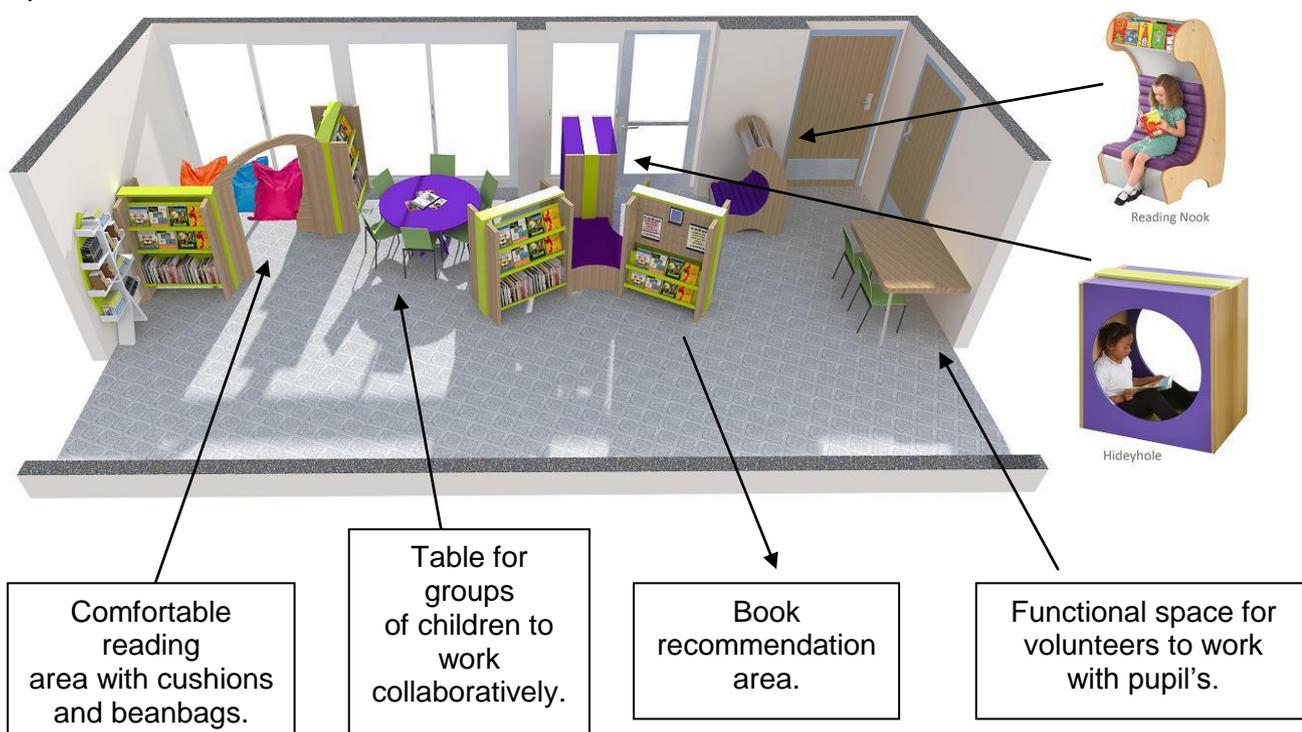
Parent Questionnaire

Please look out for a questionnaire which will be sent home with your child on Friday 27th June. This is one of the ways we gather parental feedback on different aspects of our school. We would appreciate parents/carers completing the questionnaires and returning them to school (deadline will be given on form) for analysis. Once the questionnaires, along with pupil and governor questionnaires, are analysed and returned to us we will inform you of the outcomes and next steps. Many thanks in advance.

New PFE & School Funding Project: Interactive Learning Space

The PFE and school are working together on a very exciting new project to create an interactive learning space & library area. **Please see the attached information** to see how you can help make our vision a reality! Many thanks to Sarah Trueman (mum to Arthur in Topaz and Rosie in Diamond) or Lorraine Watkins (mum to Daniel in Topaz and Joshua in Ruby) for all their work.

The image below is the corridor area on the 1st floor of Omega and illustrates how we aim to use the area for group work, individual reading areas and comfortable group reading spaces. It will contain new reading books, comics and newspapers and will have an area for pupils to write book recommendations for other pupils.



Following feedback from parents, the PFE have set up a new PFE Just Giving website so that direct donations can benefit from Gift Aid – an extra 25p for every £1 given: <http://www.justgiving.com/Emmanuel-School>

Any proceeds beyond the cost of this project will go towards developing the outside balcony areas which will take the library and teaching areas outside, come rain or shine.

I would like to say a big thank you to the PFE, those that have made contributions and our excellent volunteers who donate their time to read/support our pupil's each week. It really is a 'T.E.A.M' effort and any type of support, whether financial or donating your time, is very much appreciated. Thank you!



Ice cream Sale

Thank you to everyone who bought an ice cream last Friday! The hottest day so far was a great day for an ice cream sale where we raised £151 towards the new Interactive Learning Space project!

Parent Workshop – Tuesday 24th June-9am –‘A Day in the Life of a pupil in the EYFS’

The parent workshop on Tuesday 24th June 9am-10am is for parents of pupils in Diamond or Ruby class. This session was suggested by a parent in the EYFS. Miss Gladwin will lead the workshop and will take parents through a ‘typical’ day. We will also lead this session again in early Autumn Term.

Some of the areas covered will be:

- learning about the different learning areas
- how often children are together as a class, in groups, work individually
- learning through play
- routines
- assessment

International Evening- Wednesday 25th June 6pm-8pm

We are looking forward to seeing lots of families and eating lots of delicious food from around the world at the International Evening on Wednesday. Thank you to the PFE for organising this fabulous event and to everyone who has kindly given up their time to help prepare and help run stall and games on the night!

Please bring a dish from your country along with a label of what it is and what country it is from.

Please also ensure there are no nuts of any kind. Many thanks ☺

There will be no church service on Wednesday 25th June. Fr Jonathan will be leading the school assembly on Tuesday 24th June instead.

World Cup Topic



In Quartz Class, for our homework, we imagined we were a player in the World Cup, preparing for our first match. Read below to find out what we wrote!

Standing in the tunnel, I wait. Continuously asking when we can go, I start shaking like a leaf on a windy day. I take a quick glance at the trophy and imagine myself holding it, cheering after winning the World Cup. Suddenly, I’m snapped out of my dreams from the cry of, ‘Let’s go lads!’

Strolling on to the pitch, I gasp at the size of the pitch. The immense noise almost knocks me back as the Brazilian and Croatian fans all scream their heads off. We quickly assemble a straight, neat line to sing the national anthem.

Once we’ve finished, we jog to our positions. I reflected on how I had got here, from the day a talent scout spotted me, to the team selection only four days ago. The referee put the whistle in his mouth, he was about to start the first game, Brazil against Croatia.

Reuben (Year 6)

Lunchtime Audit

On the 27th June, Vicki our Health Improvement Practitioner will return to check that packed lunches are remaining healthy and to note any improvements. Please ensure your child's packed lunch is full of healthy food and a bottle of water each and every day but especially on this date. Thank you for your support.

Country Dancing – Sapphire Class



This week Sapphire Class attended The Coram Fields Annual Country Dance Festival. It was a beautiful sunny day and we had lots of fun, we even got to meet the new Mayor of Camden! We can't wait to show our dances at our school country dance festival on Thursday 17th July. Thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us on our trip.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to:

	20/06/14	
	Name	Reason
Diamond	Pharon James	Pharon has impressed me with his enthusiasm to learn a new language. He can now count to 10 in French.
	Teddy Wall	Teddy has been working hard to form the letters in his name correctly and he can now write it beautifully.
Ruby	Joshua Watkins	For always trying his best in all areas of his learning.
	Theo Ziegler	For involving his friends in his games.
Emerald	Rega Krasniqi	For fantastic confidence in the classroom and for being a super helper!
	Charlotte Williamson	For thoughtful answers during whole-class discussions.
Garnet	Max Kelleher	For making lots of effort to contribute his ideas in class discussions.
	Olivia Duignan	For working really hard this term to improve both her writing and Maths.
Topaz	Elicia Pragliola	For taking extra care to produce really high quality work this week.
	Skye Sampson	For going above and beyond by creating a presentation about Argentina, which she presented to the class.
Sapphire	Ellen Tookey	For being extremely enthusiastic in country dancing despite having an injury.
	Sofia Fordham	For amazing research homework about our Italy topic.
Quartz	Holly Ziegler	For her supportive attitude towards other children, particularly during the rounders tournament.
	Elianna Mason	For her 'random acts of kindness'; always offering to help other children in the class.

Key Summer Dates

What is happening?	Where?	When?	Who is involved?
International Evening	Omega Building of Emmanuel School	Wednesday 25th June 6pm-8pm	Whole School
Lunchbox Audit	Alpha & Omega Building of Emmanuel School	Friday 27th June 12.00-1.00pm	Whole School
Sports Day	Fortune Green	Wednesday 2nd July - AM	Whole School – Parents welcome
School Disco	Omega Building of Emmanuel School	Monday 7th July – 1pm-4.30pm	Whole School
End of Year Reports sent home	N/A	Friday 11th July	Whole School
RNIB fundraiser 'We are going on a bear hunt'	Alpha and Omega buildings of Emmanuel School	Tuesday 15th July - AM	Diamond, Ruby, Emerald, Garnet and Topaz class
Optional Parents Evening	Omega Building of Emmanuel School	Tuesday 15th July - PM	Whole School
Year 6 production	Omega Building of Emmanuel School	Wednesday 16th July – 1 showing in the afternoon, 1 showing in evening	Quartz Class Parents welcome
Prize Giving Service & Country Dancing	Omega Building of Emmanuel School Emmanuel Church	Thursday 17th July - morning	Whole School Parents Welcome
Meet your new teacher	Alpha and Omega buildings of Emmanuel	Friday 18th July - AM	Whole School