



Emmanuel News

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

Friday 25th September 2015

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have had a great week at Emmanuel this week filled with lots of learning opportunities from workshops on the Egyptians for Year 3 to the cross country run for all of KS2. We have also been enjoying the lovely greenery in our playground and our new basketball nets in the MUGA – please make sure you take a look!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. I hope you found them useful and enjoyed seeing your child's new classroom. If you couldn't make it to this meeting, don't worry! You can look at the presentation your class teacher gave on our school website so you don't miss any crucial information. You can find all the power point presentations under the 'Our Curriculum' tab in 'Curriculum newsletters'.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards, Miss Fitzsimmons

| CLASS | PUNCTUALITY | ATTENDANCE |
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| Diamond | 0 | 97.83 |
| Ruby | 0 | 94.67 |
| Garnet | 6 | 97.33 |
| Emerald | 0 | 98.97 |
| Amber | 0 | 97 |
| Topaz | 1 | 97 |
| Sapphire | 7 | 98.33 |
| Quartz | 1 | 98.57 |

Well done to **Emerald Class** who had the best attendance this week! You get to have Pip the hamster in your classroom next week!

From Fr Jonathan, Chair of Governors

Now that we have had a couple of weeks of the school term I wanted to drop you a line to say “welcome” to those who are new and “welcome back” to those whose children who have come back and moved up a year. Thank you to you all for enabling the term to get off to such a good start and for enabling the Emmanuel School community to be the warm and cohesive place that it is, and in which we take such pride.

Over at the Church, September, is very much a season of “welcome back”. For the past few months we have been experimenting with dividing our single main Sunday morning Eucharist into two separate services and this seems to have been well received by all. We place great value on being a truly inclusive community and everyone is warmly welcome at all our services and activities, irrespective of age, race, physical ability, sexual orientation or way of life. We rejoice in the great diversity of people that we have in the Emmanuel Church and School community. Nonetheless, we realise that everyone worships differently and in our greater range of Sunday services at Emmanuel Church we hope that everyone will find something which really suits them. If you've not been for a while we'd love to see you, especially this coming Sunday, but also at any another time when you are able to join us. Please be sure of a very warm welcome. Just to remind you, the service pattern is now as follows

8 am Eucharist (said)

A quiet and meditative service to start the day, lasting about 30 minutes

9.15 am "Joyful Noise" Eucharist

Our more informal service, especially with very young children in mind, lasting 34-40 minutes

10.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST

Our more traditional, choral service with thoughtful, inclusive preaching and where children four years and above can go to Children's Church (Sunday School) to reflect on the theme in fun activities accessible to them.

The service lasts around 60 minutes and is followed by refreshments at the back of Church.

With warmest good wishes, as ever,

Fr Jonathan

Snacks!

Just a gentle reminder that the fruit the school receives as part of the 'Free Fruit' scheme is for Diamond, Ruby and Garnet class. If your child is not in one of these classes they may want to bring in a healthy, nut free snack to have at playtime.

Book Sale

We would like to say a massive thank you to all those families who donated books for our book sale to raise money for Save the Children to support the current refugee crisis. Thank you to George Happold, Mrs Bowden and our school council who organised the book sale. The money will be counted by George and the school council next week so we shall let you know how much we raised!

Parent Consultations

You will receive a separate letter today regarding booking times for your parent consultations with class teachers. Parent consultations for **Diamond, Ruby, Garnet, Amber, Topaz, Sapphire and Quartz classes** will be on **Monday 5th October and Thursday 8th October.**

Parent consultations for **Emerald class** will be on **Monday 5th October and Tuesday 6th October.**

These are 10 minute meetings and information on how to book your slot will be given in a separate letter which will be in your child's school bag today.

Parent Workshops

Our Parent Workshops are beginning on Friday 2nd October. Please see the attached timetable for dates that specific workshops are on. A green letter was sent out this week with more information and a slip to complete if you were interested in coming to any particular workshop. Please do fill this in and drop it into the school office so we can predict numbers. Many thanks!

News from the PFE

Friday 9th October PFE meeting - Please note the change of date.

The PFE will be having a meeting upstairs in the Alpha building to prepare for Bingo Night and the Christmas Fair. Please come along to find out more and see how you can get involved! Time to be confirmed next week.

Thursday 15th October, Bingo Night

Tickets will be available from next week for the first ever PFE Bingo Night. This is our first social event of the year which promises to be lots of fun! See your class rep for more details.

Be Extra Vigilant!

Please make sure you are extra vigilant around the Open Space and car park area when you are walking to school or your child is playing in the playground. This is a public area and cars do come down to park or visit the Garden Centre. Please ensure you keep an eye on your child at all times to ensure their safety. Remember, children should not be playing football in that area or racing scooters up or down.

Egyptian Workshop

This week Amber and Topaz class were fortunate enough to have visit from Maggie the Archaeologist who ran a fantastic and informative workshop on Ancient Egypt. All the children had the opportunity to play characters and experience a little bit of what life would have been like in ancient times. We even re-enacted a battle between The Egyptians and the Hittites. A great time was had by all!



Music Lessons

One to one music lessons began in school this week for those children who have registered and paid. A notice board is outside the playground with your child's lesson day on it. Some of these may be different from last year, so please check and make sure you are aware of which day to send in your child's instrument and music.

Please contact the Camden Music Service on 020 7974 7239 if you have any questions regarding payments for these lessons. Registration forms for lessons are available on our school website if you still wish to enrol your child.

If you have any questions regarding these lessons, Mrs Waller-Box will be in the playground every Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Thank you for supporting your child in their music education!



Celebration Assembly

Well done to:

| 25/09/14 | | |
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| | Name | Reason |
| Diamond | Dylan Young | For playing very nicely with his new classmates! |
| | Geonpyo Hong | For being a great friend and having a lovely first week in his new Nursery Class. |
| Ruby | Ada Akram | For excellent participation during our phonics learning. |
| | Ben Siemerink | For always including the other children in his games. |
| Garnet | Ella Motahammadani | For creating an amazing Beware poster and using great adjectives and phrases. |
| | Edon Emini | For writing a very detailed diary entry about the Great Fire of London. |
| Emerald | Ben Happold | For excellent use of speech marks and different words for said in your literacy work this week. |
| | Kai Gardner | For your determination solving two step problems using the inverse. |
| Topaz | Felix Dumont | For his brilliant knowledge of Egypt and participation in our Egyptian workshop. |
| | Berta Font | For the confidence displayed in our Egyptian workshop. Well done! |
| Amber | Julius Falconer | For a fantastic portrayal of a Pharaoh in our Egyptian workshop. |
| | Stavros Nyfoudis | For excellent contributions to our class shared writing this week. |
| Sapphire | Skye Sampson | For a fantastic attitude towards her maths learning this week; Skye volunteered to come in at lunchtime to complete an activity! |
| | Conor Lodge | For sharing with the class fascinating family artifacts from WW2. |
| Quartz | Fidel Mayo | For being an excellent role model in class by working hard and contributing ideas during carpet sessions. Keep it up! |
| | Jamie Farrimond Perez | For writing an excellent diary entry from the prospective the main character of our novel in Literacy. Well done! |

Autumn 1st Half Term Dates - *please note events will be added during the term so check weekly*

| What is happening? | Where? | When? | Who is involved? |
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| Trip to the Science Museum | Science Museum | Monday 28 th September | Garnet |
| Trip to the Tate Gallery | Tate Gallery | Wednesday 30 th September | Quartz |
| PFE Meeting | Alpha Building | Friday 2 nd October 9am | All welcome |
| Parents Evening | Alpha and Omega Classrooms | Monday 5 th October Thursday 8 th October | All |
| School Photographs | School Hall | Tuesday 6 th October Thursday 8 th October (additional if needed) | All children |
| Trip to the Museum of London | Museum of London | Wednesday 7 th October | Quartz |
| Harvest Festival | Emmanuel Church | Sunday 11 th October at 10.30am | All children expected to attend in school uniform |
| Maths Week | - | Week of 12 th October | All children |
| School Council training with other schools | Crowndale Centre | Wednesday 14 th October | Members of School Council |
| PFE Bingo Night | School Hall | Thursday 15 th October | All welcome |
| Break up for half term | - | Friday 23 rd October (normal time) | - |



PARENTS WORKSHOPS: Autumn First Half Term 2015

All these sessions will take place in the **Alpha Building**.

Please remember to sign in when you arrive.

Each session has a target audience however do feel free to come to any of the workshops that interest you.



| Date | Time | Parent Group Focus | Description | Lead By | Who For |
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| Friday 2 nd October 2015 | 9.00 - 10.00am | A Day in the Life... | This session will afford parents the opportunity to discover how the EYFS runs on a day-to-day basis. Parents will observe how their children learn through play and the general routines of the school day. | Miss <u>Crockard</u> | EYFS |
| Friday 9 th October 2015 | 9.00 – 10.00am | Healthy Eating | Is your child a fussy eater? Would you like to find out more about healthy eating in general? Come along to our coffee morning where the Camden Health Improvement Team will run a fun and informative workshop on healthy eating. | <u>Hariette Metter</u> | Whole School |
| Friday 16 th October 2015 | 9.00 – 10.00am | Phonics | An informative session on Phonics and an explanation into how early reading and writing is taught. There will also be ideas on how you can support your child at home. | Miss <u>Woolliss</u> | KS1 |
| Friday 23 rd October 2015 | 9.00 – 10.00am | Effective Communication with your child | During this session we will explore the complexities of communicating with children and use this to think of practical strategies that can be used to support your child at home. | Miss Bond | Whole School |

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| Friday 6 th November 2015 | 9.00 – 10.00am | Maths | This session will provide parents and carers the opportunity to find out how Maths is taught in the early years through play and practical activities. This workshop will also give you many ideas and activities on supporting your child's Maths learning at home. | Mrs <u>Mepani</u> & Miss <u>Crockard</u> | EYFS |
| Friday 13 th November 2015 | 9.00- 10.00am | Emmanuel Vision & Values | Miss Fitzsimmons and the Governing Body are reviewing the school's vision and values. This workshop is for parents to discuss and formulate ideas to contribute towards our new vision and values statement. | Miss Fitzsimmons | Whole School |
| Friday 20 th November 2015 | 9.00 – 10.00am | Reading And Writing | This workshop will be an introduction to how we teach phonics, reading and writing in the EYFS. We will be offering helpful suggestions on what you can do to develop your child's reading and writing at home. | Miss Gibson & Miss Crockard | EYFS |
| Friday 27 th November 2015 | 9.00 – 10.00am | E-Safety | Do you know how to monitor your child's internet activities? Do you know how your child communicates with others through game playing? Come along to this session and find out how to keep your child safe when using the internet. | Miss Fitzsimons | Whole School |
| Friday 4 th December | 9.00 – 10.00am | Reading and Writing | This session will cover how reading is taught in KS1; including strategies used to help children word-read and questions we ask to improve comprehension skills, which you can also use at home. We will also show you how writing is taught in KS1 using the 'Talk for Writing' approach. It will give you helpful tips of how to help your child improve their writing at home. | Miss <u>Woolliss</u> | KS1 |