



# Emmanuel News

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Parent/ Carer,  
 Today's newsletter has been written by Hannah from Topaz and Samira from Quartz! We sat at Miss Fitzsimmons' desk, in her organised office, to write this. We had to make a lot of important decisions like telling Mrs Lubert if she was allowed to go with the other Mini-Mrs Luberts to the post office. We giggled a lot and enjoyed it! It's hard work being a Headteacher.  
 Have a lovely weekend,  
 From Hannah and Samira (Acting Headteacher's in charge of the Newsletter)

CLASS	PUNCTUALITY	ATTENDANCE
<i>For the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> November: Well done to Topaz class who will look after Pip the Hamster next week. Fantastic attendance for the whole school last week but Sapphire need to improve their punctuality!</i>		
Diamond	1	96
Ruby	0	98
Garnet	3	98.6
Emerald	0	97.8
Amber	0	98.6
Topaz	0	98.9
Sapphire	15	98.6
Quartz	1	97.5

## FROM FR JONATHAN, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS AND VICAR OF EMMANUEL CHURCH

It was lovely to see so many of you in Church last Sunday as during our main services we had memorials for all those affected by the atrocities in Paris and in other similar attacks in our world of today. We stand in love and solidarity with the people of France as we all work for a more just and compassionate world where the infinite and precious dignity of human life in its many forms and expressions is respected and honoured by all people everywhere. We rejoice in our inclusive vision at Emmanuel and everyone is always warmly welcome at all of our services and activities, irrespective of race, age, physical ability, way of life or sexual orientation.

## EMMANUEL CHURCH'S NEW EXCITING BUILDING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - GREEN SPACE @ EMMANUEL CHURCH

Many of you are already aware of a large scale building development project we are embarking on at the Church at the beginning of 2016 and for which we have been planning for the past five years. In the Church of England, all renovations, repairs and building projects have to be funded by the local church ourselves and there is no subsidy at all from central Church or Government. Emmanuel Church was built by funds raised by public subscription in the 1890s and it has been an aspiration to create more community space on the present site since the 1920s. The good news is that we are at last on the cusp of realising that vision.

Our project started with the pressing need to rectify our sinking floor which is perilously uneven in various places, although the building itself is architecturally and structurally sound and strong. In order to undertake this project everything has to be taken out of the church and stored elsewhere whilst new deep pylons are placed into the London clay beneath to give a sound footing for the new floor. On top of this will be placed a new concrete layer and a beautiful new wooden floor laid. Since all the floor is needing to be lifted to enable this scheme, it seemed sensible to install a new, more efficient and environmentally friendly

underfloor heating system to replace our unsightly and inefficient 1970s Temcana wall mounted gas heaters.

The work will involve the removal of the present un-aesthetically pleasing 1960s meeting room and this will be replaced by four new meeting rooms in the back half of each side aisle build in brick to mirror the attractive brick colour of the existing building, together with new kitchen facilities, a fully accessible WC and baby changing facilities - with additional toilets. We have been working closely with the London Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches and the Victorian Society to ensure that what we are introducing is fully in keeping with our fine Victorian building, whose foundation stone was laid in Queen Victoria's Diamond year, which will both enrich and restore the fabric and enable the church to serve our own generation and generations to come.

Our chosen contractors, GB group, will be beginning the work in the third week of January. The works will last for approximately 30 weeks, during which time Emmanuel Church will be meeting for worship on a Sunday morning in the Omega Building School Hall. The whole project is costing in excess of £750,000, including VAT and professional fees, although we are cautiously optimistic about claiming much of the VAT back under the Government's Listed Places of Worship Scheme. It is the first major work on the Church which has been carried out in the past 118 years and it will enable the Church to continue to be a place of worship, peace and serenity as well as a resource for the whole local community of West Hampstead in all its diversity, with meeting rooms and facilities for a whole range of community groups and activities. The good news is that we've raised most of the funds ourselves and we are beginning in faith in early 2016, although we still need to raise another £60,000. One way of raising money has been in our scheme for donors to buy virtual sections of the church floor which we have been running for the last ten months. There are plenty more sections of floor to buy, so don't worry - you're not too late! We will also be running a whole range of further fundraising activities in early 2016. If you so wish, through your generosity you can be part of celebrating Emmanuel's great history and shaping our future. Further details of the project and architectural drawings can be found on our website [www.emmanuelnw6.com](http://www.emmanuelnw6.com), through a link on the homepage or on the tab at the top "Building Development".

### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2017 CONSULTATION PERIOD-FROM FR JONATHAN**

As Miss Fitzsimmons wrote in an earlier newsletter, the Governors have been asked to consult all stakeholders about our admissions policy from 2017 onwards, during the statutory consultation period which runs from November 9th to December 21st 2015 inclusively. The purpose of the consultation is to ask whether the balance of places at the school should become a 50:50 church and community ratio, with a possible variation on the length of time required at church for church membership places. It is a formal consultation and, as Governors, we wish to consult you as current/future parents/carers at the school as well as a range of other community stakeholders and those further afield. You can find the consultation documents on the Admissions section of the school website and you are invited to email any reflections to my school email address: [j.kester@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:j.kester@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk) or in writing via the school office, marked for my attention.

Thank you so much for all that each and every one of you does in the great partnership which we have between church and school in the service of the whole wider community.

### **Children In Need- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Many thanks for your support in raising money for Children in Need. The children thoroughly enjoyed wearing their spots and are proud of their efforts in raising money for a good cause. The total amount raised, after deducting the cost of the items, was £267.07. Well done and thank you!





Today, children in Emmanuel School took over the adult jobs! The day started with Julius from Amber Class leading the staff Morning Briefing. He had to read out the day's diary, read the notices and ask staff if they had anything else to add. He looked very smart and was very brave to speak in front of 35 adults!

There were two mini Mr Gerardo's on the gate this morning- Edon and Bailey looked exactly like Mr G and made everyone smile!

During the day, we had children:

- \* Writing this newsletter
- \* Answering the telephone
- \* Going to the Post Office
- \* Reading a story to the class
- \* Marking work
- \* Taking part in important meetings
- \* Sending emails and making important telephone calls
- \* Leading assembly
- ..... And lots more!



### Eco-Team Workshops

On Friday 13th March, the school council and Eco-Team went to their second workshop with Eco Active. Our workshop this week had a focus on food waste. We were hunting around in some compost and spotted woodlice, worms and other unusual insects. This highlighted how easy it is and the benefits you can get from having your own compost heap. Towards the end of the session, we created lots of recipes for meals and puddings that you can make from typical leftovers every household may have. Can you think of any interesting left over recipes? If you can, pass them on to either Eco-Team or School Council!

By Miah Hammet



### **New End of Year Reading, Writing and Maths Expectations**

As many of you know, the new National Curriculum is a lot more challenging and therefore the expectations for a child being secure/in line at the end of the year has risen a great deal. We have uploaded the reading, writing and maths end of year expectations for each year group to our school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Take a look and become familiar with the new expectations. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### **Parent Workshop- E-Safety- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**

This is a fantastic Parent Workshop for parents of children at any age. Feedback last year was 100% positive and we would like as many parents as possible to attend. You really do not want to miss out on this. Miss Fitzgerald will discuss strategies to keep your child safe on-line and the latest safety issues with social media including minecraft, instagram etc.

### **Plans for Christingle 2015**

Christingle has been a tradition at Emmanuel for many years and we would like this to continue. However, the school has doubled in size since this tradition started and so we have to make some changes.

This year we are going to trial having two Christingle services as it is no longer safe to have 245 children with lit candles parading through a packed church, as I am sure you understand. Having two services means we can keep the children safe, keep the tradition and special atmosphere, still involve every child and have more space for parents to enjoy the event.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm- Group 1 Christingle Service: Ruby, Emerald, Amber and Quartz.**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm- Group 2 Christingle Service: Diamond, Garnet, Topaz and Sapphire.**

We have attempted to put as many siblings as possible on the same evening but unfortunately it is not possible to do this completely. We thank you for your understanding.



### **PFE**

#### **Christmas Fair - Help Needed**

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and we need your help to make the event a success. If you can help set up/clear up/man a stall for part of the Fair, even if it's just for an hour please email joannavota@gmail.com.

#### **Monday's Collection**

This week we are asking for bottles of alcohol, jams and pickles. Please bring them in on Monday and put them into our collection boxes. If you have any other items to donate such as books, DVD's, toiletries and perfume we will gladly accept them on any of our collection days (Monday drop off). Please note donations must not be dropped off to the school reception.

#### **Silent Auction**

Bidding is now open for 2 tickets to the sold out Capital FM 'Jingle Bell Ball' on Saturday 5th December! Please email your bid to joannavota@gmail.com by 12noon on Friday 4th December. For the line up see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

## Celebration Assembly

20/11/14		
	Name	Reason
<b>Diamond</b>	Don Beshiri	For settling in really well and being friendly towards all children.
	Ivana Barbier	For having a positive attitude; we love her happy smile every morning!
<b>Ruby</b>	Joseph Sager Weinstein	For a great attitude towards his maths learning and independently collecting data using a tally chart.
	James Valler	For persevering when reading with our reading volunteer.
<b>Garnet</b>	Julian Morin	For an amazing illustration of how we use synonyms in your homework.
	Hugh Morris	For an amazing attitude towards all areas of learning and being an active member of Garnet class.
<b>Emerald</b>	Katie Gill	For learning her nativity lines so well and delivering them with great expression.
	Theo Ziegler	For excellent use of partitioning to subtract in maths this week.
<b>Topaz</b>	Antoine Sanchez	For his amazing work on fractions, including finding equivalent fractions,
	Erin Sager Weinstein	For a brilliant story about how Howard Carter found Tutankhamen's tomb.
<b>Amber</b>	Milu Amanuel	For great use of fronted adverbial phrases in our shared writing this week.
	Rezart Haliti	For having excellent presentation of his work in all areas of learning.
<b>Sapphire</b>	Conor Clancy	For showing such courage and enthusiasm in leading the singing in church this week.
	Abel Mayo	For his fantastic attitude to learning in all subjects; Abel is a real role-model in our class.
<b>Quartz</b>	Joseph Valler	For his excellent attitude in maths this week. He contributed greatly to whole class teaching.
	Nathan Hammett	For his enthusiasm and great participation during PSHE this week. He got into role well for the drama activity.

## Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term Dates - please note events will be added during the term so check weekly

What is happening?	Where?	When?	Who is involved?
Year 3 Trip	British Museum	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Topaz and Amber class
EYFS Trip	Willows Farm	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Diamond and Ruby class
Year 1 Trip	Transport Museum	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Garnet class
Parent Workshop- How to keep your child safe online (E-Safety)	Alpha Building	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am	All welcome
St Andrew's Day House Celebration- children in St Andrew House to wear own <u>blue</u> clothes to school	School	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	All children in St Andrew House
Eco-Team workshop	School	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Eco-Team
Parent Workshop-How we teach reading & writing in Key Stage 1 (Y1/2)	Alpha Building	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Any parent of Garnet or Emerald
English Pocket Opera Performance	School Hall	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School
Christmas Fair	School Hall	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School & Local Community
Carol Singing	Outside West Hampstead Library	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 10.20am-11.00am	Amber and Quartz classes
Christingle- GROUP 1	Emmanuel Church	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 4pm	Group 1 parents only Ruby, Emerald, Amber and

			Quartz
Christmas Panto- A Christmas Carol'	School Hall	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School
Year 5/6 Trip	Geffrye Museum	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Quartz class
Key Stage 1 (Y1/2) Nativity	School Hall	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 2pm	Parents of Garnet and Emerald classes
Carol Singing	Outside West Hampstead Library	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 10.20am-11.00am	Topaz and Sapphire classes
Christingle- GROUP 2	Emmanuel Church	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 4pm	Group 2 parents only Diamond, Garnet, Topaz and Sapphire
Christmas School Lunch	Alpha & Omega Building	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School
EYFS (Diamond & Ruby) Nativity	School Hall	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 2pm	Parents of Diamond and Ruby
<b>We break up at 1.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>			



## **WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF THE OPEN SPACE?**

**The Camden Society and the Conversation Volunteers are partnering to create  
Growing Together, a new community food growing project in the Open Space.**

**Come to find out all about our plans and what you can do to get involved.**

*We will be looking for people to be part of the project. We need to hear from you if you want to join one of our groups tending to the Open Space, if you would like to volunteer at sessions or if you want to have your say about how the Open Space will look.*

*All ages and abilities are welcomed.*

**Join us for mulled wine and hot drinks during our Christmas Tree sales opening weekend  
to see what you can do to make the Open Space a shared community asset for everyone!**

**Saturday 28th November / 12—3.30pm / Mill Lane Gardening Project /  
The Open Space, 160 Mill Lane, NW6 1TF**

**Want to go to the UK's biggest Christmas Party?**

**We have 2 tickets to Capital FM's Jingle Bell Ball on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December!**



**The Line up:**

**Jason Drulo  
Ariana Grande  
Years & Years  
Jess Glynne  
Nathan Sykes  
David Guetta  
Goldplay**

**Bidding is now open! All bids must be e-mailed to [joannavota@gmail.com](mailto:joannavota@gmail.com). Bidding will end on Friday 4th December at 12noon. Don't miss out on the music event of the year! GOOD LUCK!**



## Emmanuel School Christmas Fair

Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff

A very big thanks to everyone who donated their unwanted toys and games on Monday. If you still have these and would like to donate them for the Christmas Fair, please do still bring them into school. We are collecting items at the school gates every Monday leading up to the event.

Our 3rd collection day will be: **Monday 23<sup>th</sup> of November.**

Monday's focus will be **Bottles and jars**, but any items you wish donate will be gladly accepted on any of our collection days. A reminder of the items needed:

\* BOOKS \* DVDs \* TOYS \* GAMES \* TOILETRIES \* BOTTLES AND JARS \*

## **BOTTLES AND JARS**

**THIS WEEK WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO DONATE BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL, ANYTHING BUBBLY FOR THE BATH OR DRINKABLE, ALSO JAMS AND PICKLES**

Collection boxes will be near the school gates (at Alpha and Omega buildings).

Class reps and PFE committee members will be around to assist.

**THANK YOU** once again for your kind support  
from all at the PFE

## Drawing workshops



### *Sketch the seasons on the Green*

FoFG's artist in residence, Tessa Henderson, will be leading four seasonal workshops getting us out drawing the Green over the year. Workshops are suitable for everyone and all abilities.

Emailing to register is helpful: [fortunegreen@gmail.com](mailto:fortunegreen@gmail.com)

**Dates:** Sun 22nd Nov 2015, Sun 7th Feb 2016, Sun 15th May 2016, Sun 17th July 2016 (tbc)

Time : 1:30pm to 3:30pm

**Equipment:** Warm clothing, ring-bound A4 sketchbook with quality paper, artists sketchpens/pencils, seating.