

Weekly newsletter  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to have the children in school this week and I hope they have enjoyed spending time in their classrooms, meeting their new teachers and playing with their friends. A warm welcome to all our new families in Nursery, Reception and other year groups.

**Remembering HM Queen Elizabeth II**

This morning, we came together in collective worship to remember and give thanks for the extraordinary life of Queen Elizabeth II. The children shared their memories of the Queen, which included her love of wearing hats (Aiden in Reception), the time she met Paddington (Oscar in Y3) and that she was born in the same year as David Attenborough (Khamillah in Y2). Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to draw pictures and write prayers and cards to the Royal Family.



In the coming days, our school community will be a place where together, we can remember the Queen. Emmanuel Church is open today should you wish to light a candle or sign the book of condolence and at 6.30pm, there will be a Requiem Mass; to which all are welcome.

Today, I intended to share with you the school's new vision and values but given the circumstances, I will save this for another day. Suffice to say, the value of service is one we continue to hold dear as a school and I have been reflecting on the words Elizabeth said on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, *"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service ... God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."*

This afternoon, two children in each class were celebrated for showing the value of service in school so thank you to: Marcos and Thejan in Year 1, Sadie and Louisa in Year 2, Paris and Sophie in Year 3, Adam and Gabriella in Year 4, Marie and Sabrina in Year 5 and Sofia D and Antonio in Year 6.

**Meet the teacher**

Next week, our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings will be held in your child's classroom from 3.30pm until 4pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to find out what your child will be learning this year and for you to ask their class teacher any general questions you may have. They will be on the following days:

Date	Class
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Year 2
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Year 5
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3

Nursery and Reception's 'meet the teacher' meetings will happen later in September.

### Transition for Nursery and Reception

Next week, Reception will be in school full-time from 8.55am-3.15pm. Nursery's transition continues for one more week; with the morning group from 9.15-11.45am and the afternoon group 12.45-3.15pm. Nursery's normal school hours will begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### School uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including black shoes (except nursery) and that it is clearly labelled with your child's name. Our school uniform policy can be found [here](#).

### 'PE Kit Tuesday'

To minimise the amount of time children spend getting changed into and out of their PE kits for PE lessons, on Tuesdays, every child in Years 1-6 should come into school wearing their PE kit. They will wear their kit all day and also wear their PE kit home so it can be washed regularly.

### Attendance and punctuality

A reminder that the gates for the Omega building for years 1-6 open at 8.45am each day and close at 8.55am, when the register is taken and learning begins. Please ensure your child is on time for school and they are in school every day they are well.

### Walking home alone

If your child/ren has permission to walk home alone after school, please give written permission to the office and state which day/s this applies to.

### Polio vaccinations

Children aged 6 to 9 years old in London are currently being offered a dose of polio vaccine. Please see [this link](#) to see the clinics where this is available. Thank you to Sergio Sawh for this information!

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend,  
Miss Burns and the Emmanuel team

## Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12	13	14	15	16
Clubs Start	Clubs Start	Clubs Start	Clubs Start	Clubs Start
Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher	Years 1-6 PE – Come to school in PE kit Year 6 Meet the Teacher	Year 4 and 5 Meet the Teacher	Year 3 Meet the Teacher	
19	20	21	22	23
	Years 1-6 PE – Come to school in PE kit		First Brass Lesson for Year 5 and 6	