

# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below the school term dates for the 2020/21 academic year.

The dates in the table are determined by the Local Authority.

	Start of term	Half Term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	07.09.20	26.10.20 - 30.10.20	18.12.20
Spring Term	04.01.21	15.02.21 - 19.02.21	01.04.21
Summer Term	19.04.21	31.05.21 - 04.06.21	23.07.21

All dates are inclusive.

In addition to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils on Monday 3rd May 2021 (Bank Holiday).

Two days within the above terms are to be used for professional development for staff. These dates are determined and agreed by individual school governing bodies.

In addition, one occasional day within the summer term 2021 is to be utilised for the purpose of closure for possible election purposes. This day is to be used near the end of the summer term and agreed by individual school governing bodies.

- Please note that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 as these dates have been identified as professional development days for staff.
- School will also be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (occasional day).

#### Assessment and Catch up

As I have previously mentioned in earlier communications, we are delighted with the way in which the children have returned to school. They have settled very well into their new classes; they are eager and enthusiastic to learn, and I have already seen some high-quality work that has been produced. All teachers have been assessing the progress of pupils through a variety of different methods and we are now in the process of identifying gaps in learning and how we can best support pupils to catch up.

#### Autumn Term Parents' Evening

Due to the pandemic restrictions, there will be no face to face parents' evenings in the autumn term. In the second half of the autumn term, there will be the opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss the children's progress; however, discussions will take place either by telephone or through Seesaw. Further details will be sent out at a later date.

#### Charitable support

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we will be having a non-uniform event for the charity CLIC Sargent. We have been asked to support this charity by one of our families. As we currently need to be careful when handling money, class teachers will collect the donations directly from the children as they arrive at school on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations will then be placed in a container with sterilising fluid.

With best wishes,  
Avril Armstrong

Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October '20

Just a quick reminder; where parental consent has been given, pupils from Reception to Year 6, will receive the Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of the illness.



### Reception Class Admissions for September 2021

The online application for reception class places went live on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The closing date for submitting application forms is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

With the above dates in mind, we know how important it is to families to ensure that they choose the right school for their child. That is why we have always encouraged prospective parents/carers to visit the school. Unfortunately, this term due to the COVID pandemic and the restrictions placed upon us, we are unable to invite visitors into the school. Under normal circumstances, we would host an Open Evening, again this is something we are currently not able to offer.

We are, however, in the process of preparing a virtual tour of the school that will be posted on the school website after the October half-term holiday. It is our hope that this will give parents and carers a flavour of Emmaville, and what we as a school are able to offer. In addition to the virtual tour, there is an extremely informative school prospectus that has recently been updated and can be downloaded from the Emmaville website.

If any prospective parent/carer would like to have a chat to the Headteacher, Avril Armstrong, they should get in touch with the school office, leaving their contact details, so that she can return their call.



School Attendance  
Week Ending 02.10.20

Year 6	
North America	96.0%
South America	96.0%
Year 5	
Antarctica	94.8%
Oceania	95.7%
Year 4	
Africa	97.5%
Asia	96.9%
Year 3	
Northern Europe	100%
Southern Europe	92.3%
Year 2	
Northern Ireland	98.6%
Wales	98.0%
Year 1	
England	97.9%
Scotland	100%
EYFS	
Gateshead	93.8%
Newcastle	95.9%
Crawcrook	96.9%

Congratulations to  
Northern Europe and Scotland  
for 100% attendance last week.

### Break time snack.


As you will be aware fruit is provided in school for KS1/Reception children by the Local Authority. There is not always enough for the KS2 children. We would encourage the KS2 children to bring a snack to have at playtime.

However, the snack should be a piece of fruit/vegetable or a cereal bar. The cereal bar should be a fruit bar and not be chocolate flavoured or chocolate covered but a healthy snack bar.

Many thanks,  
Staff of Emmaville.

Could all unpaid breakfast club, after school club and dinner money be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you.



# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Evie (South America)

For creating excellent suspense in her writing.

North America - Bobby

For amazing work in maths.

South America - Jasmine

For such a positive and hardworking attitude in class.

Antarctica - Christopher

For great attitude to all areas of school work.

Oceania - Alex

For consistently beautiful presentation.

Africa - Evangeline

For your fantastic science explanations.

Asia - Noah

For working hard in all areas of the curriculum and producing an incredible Van Gogh sketch!

Northern Europe - Samuel

For making me smile on a daily basis.

Southern Europe - Max

For brilliant listening.

Northern Ireland - Oliver

For his fantastic football skills and team leadership.

Wales - Emily

For being so helpful to everyone in Wales.

England - Evie

For her amazing sentences about 'Supertato' in English. Keep up the fantastic work!

Scotland - James

For his amazing 'Growth Mindset' all week.

Gateshead - Alfie

For his amazing maths work. Well done!

Newcastle - Luke

For being so brave.

Crawcrook Nursery - Miley

For being so kind to our new nursery friends.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - All of our Reception children

For being super stars at lunchtime.