

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a relaxing half-term break. It is disappointing to know that we are about to enter another national lockdown, but with the rise in the infection rate it was only to be expected. Hopefully, this lockdown will last no longer than the planned month.

Although the country will go into lockdown, I am pleased that schools will remain open as I feel that the children need some form of normality. However, we will continue to ensure that all risk assessments are adhered to so that we can protect both the school and the local community.

There may be occasions when the children or staff must self-isolate. If this does happen then it is extremely important that the school is immediately notified. Whilst self-isolating, if children are well, then the expectation would be that they follow the weekly timetable that is posted on their class page; the class page can be found on the school website. Any queries in respect of suggested learning activities should be addressed with class teachers using the Seesaw App. If a member of staff needs to self-isolate, then I have no option but to employ a supply teacher to cover the class during the teacher's absence. Fingers crossed; this will not happen very often, but we must be prepared for all eventualities.

Free School Meal Entitlement

Please be aware, if your child/children are eligible for free school meals and they must self-isolate, then we can provide a packed lunch that can be collected from the school. However, you must let the school office know if you require a packed lunch/lunches.

Enrichment Activities

As a result of the pandemic, we are unfortunately restricted in what we can offer the children in the way of enrichment activities. We are, however, trying to be creative in our thinking so we can bring some 'colour' to the curriculum. For example, author workshops organised by Seven Stories, participation in the national book festival, the children will have the opportunity to participate in the national Children in Need charitable event, there will be a Christmas lunch/festive jumper day and they will get to see a Pantomime streamed from a London venue. Rest assured more activities will be added to the list.

Charitable Activities

Many thanks to you all for supporting the CLIC Sargent fund raising event. The non-uniform/Halloween activity helped us to raise £465. This contribution has been added to the Riley family's just giving page, and they have so far raised £2911. That is a remarkable achievement, and Linzi Hanvey is extremely grateful for the support that you have given to their family's fundraising activities.

Generally, at this time of year we would be selling poppies to the children. Sadly, this year we have decided that under the circumstances this was not a good idea. However, as poppies are yet another reminder of how fortunate we are to have the life that we have due to so many brave people who fought in horrific wars, we have made a £100 donation on behalf of the school to the Poppy Appeal.

Last Christmas, we asked that no presents were given to the staff. Although we appreciate your generosity, we felt that a donation to local food banks was the best gift that you could give to us. Your response to that request was tremendous. We are very aware that the People's Kitchen does some remarkable work. Mr Elliott is a great supporter of their work and is a regular volunteer at the People's Kitchen. This Christmas we also ask that no presents are given to the staff, instead we wish to support the People's Kitchen and we hope to set up a just giving page as we can currently not accept food donations. Once the page is set up, anyone who would wish to make a monetary donation can do so.

Admission to the Reception Class in 2021

As we are unable to offer an Open Evening to prospective parents, Mrs Wallace has prepared a virtual tour of the school. The video can now be viewed on the Emmaville website. If you know of any parents who may be considering applying for a place at Emmaville for either their nursery or reception aged child in September 2021, then please encourage them to visit the school website. All applications for reception aged pupils should be submitted by 15th January 2021.

Good news to share

Congratulations to Maddie in South America as she was the proud winner of the Crawcrook Cooperative Stores Pumpkin competition.

Many thanks to the Coop for organising the competition as the children thoroughly enjoyed decorating their pumpkins.

Maddie received a bucket pumpkin filled with treats from the Coop, and the other children in South America were also awarded with a sweet treat for their entries.



Value/Belief of the Month

Compassion - to have compassion means to empathise with those who are suffering and to help in some way to reduce the suffering.

I always feel this an important value, but particularly so now. Within school we regularly encourage the children to engage in acts of kindness, to offer encouragement to one another, to nurture relationships by taking time to consider the feelings of others. There are many ways to show compassion, those listed above are just a few examples, but I do hope by sharing the value of the month this will remind us all to show compassion in our daily lives.

Finally, the Governors and staff at Emmaville recognise that due to the pandemic, times may be rather difficult for some of our families. We realise that this may be a sensitive subject and we would not wish to cause any embarrassment; however, we would like to let all of our families know that if anyone is struggling then please get in touch with myself and I can assure you that support would be offered discretely.

Very best wishes,

Avril Armstrong



Monday 2nd November 2020

Class	Total words read	Increase since previous week
Northern Europe	483,408	+178,383
Southern Europe	156,197	+98,475
Asia	459,256	+102,180
Africa	349,777	+88,245
Oceania	956,161	+456,093
Antarctica	301,449	+122,785
North America	1,655,842	+1,316,171
South America	1,890,866	+1,343,410



In the lead up to Children in Need, Emmaville pupils will be taking part in a number of wellbeing activities from the 9th - 13th November. The planned activities will enable the children to feel good about themselves. With the stress and worry of the coronavirus pandemic, the children's mental health is our number one priority and their mindset and wellbeing has been a major focus during our PSHE lessons since returning to school in September.

We know how important it is to get children active, and throughout the week they will be joining Joe Wicks each morning to take part in a 5-minute mood boosting workout to set the children up for the day ahead. We will also be exploring the benefits of exercise on our mood and mind. On Friday 13th, pupils will be joining Joe Wicks in the final leg of his 24-hour workout! Also on the 13th November, pupils will be able to come to school in either their pyjamas or Pudsey Bear T shirts to raise money for Children in Need.

Good luck to all the families who enter our Family Bake Off competition, the winners will be announced in our celebration assembly on Friday 13th November (details of the competition have been provided on the attached poster).



School Attendance
Week Ending 23.10.20

Year 6	
North America	98.0%
South America	96.6%
Year 5	
Antarctica	97.7%
Oceania	97.9%
Year 4	
Africa	97.5%
Asia	98.7%
Year 3	
Northern Europe	99.3%
Southern Europe	98.4%
Year 2	
Northern Ireland	94.3%
Wales	96.3%
Year 1	
England	95.8%
Scotland	96.7%
EYFS	
Gateshead	99.2%
Newcastle	99.2%
Crawcrook	99.2%

Well done to Northern Europe for the best attendance that week.

Last Week's House Points



Angel

706



Baltic

679



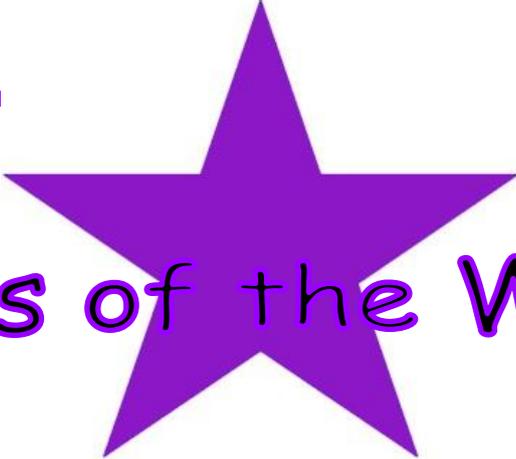
Sage

620



Tyne

661



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Harrison (Wales)

For superb explanations during a maths lesson. I was very impressed Harrison, well done!

North America - Saffah

For excellent commitment to Accelerated Reader.

South America - Harry

For being so polite and well-mannered.

Antarctica - Chloe

For being a superstar all term and a model pupil.

Oceania - Justin

For such beautiful joined handwriting and taking such care with his work.

Africa - Lewis

For his amazing efforts and achievements in maths. Well done!

Asia - The whole class

For an excellent first half term's work. Well done.

Northern Europe - Dexter

For his unbelievable enthusiasm towards our TTRS tournament. He is top of the leader board!

Southern Europe - Archie

For fantastic explanations in maths!

Northern Ireland - Leo

For working so hard all week.

Wales - Millie

For being the best role model to others in school.

England - The whole class

They have settled into Year 1 so well and have tried so hard in the first half term. Well done.

Scotland - Rowan

For listening really well in class and for being a great friend to others.

Gateshead - Lana

For working so hard and being so enthusiastic about everything we do.

Newcastle - Frazer

For giving 100% effort and trying so hard in all lessons.

Crawcrook Nursery - Lilli

For amazing creations at our cut and stick area.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Hannah (Newcastle)

For always being so polite at lunchtime.