



EMMAUS NEWS

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*Welcome back. We hope you have had a relaxing half term. The children have all settled back into school well and are enjoying their learning.
Mrs. Collett. Executive Headteacher*

Covid-19 Updates

With the announcement of the National lockdown on Thursday, we understand that some may be worried. We will continue to follow Government guidance and we encourage you to do as well. The school remains open and we will continue to provide exciting learning opportunities for all the children alongside remote teaching and learning for those that have been asked to self-isolate.

Please can we encourage all parents/adults to remember to do the following:

- Hands - wash regularly
- **Face - wear a mask on the school site please (From Wednesday 4th November)**
- Space - adhere to social distancing - **only 1 adult needs to pick up - KEEP your distance please!**

Please remember: It is extremely important that **no-one** visits the school site if they have Covid-19 symptoms and children must not come to school if they are showing symptoms. We want to keep our school open BUT we need your help to ensure all members of our school community remain COVID free.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus.

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Our risk assessment will be updated and shared with you to reflect the 'New National Restrictions' and the guidance from the Department for Education, which is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

Please help us with the above. Thank you.

Remembrance 2020

Our children in Richmond and Kirkstead will be leading our Remembrance assembly on 11th November with a series of 1920s to 1940s dances, songs and Kirkstead sharing a poem. This will be followed by poetry and Remembrance themed art work from all of the other classes. We will take time to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who fought in the Great War, World War 2 and other conflict as well as those who work in the NHS and other key services to help us today. It is an important time for us to consider the courage, bravery and determination of so many who have served and sacrificed so that we may live freely. We will hold our annual two minutes' silence and invite any ex or serving military personnel to join our assembly with the opportunity to say a few words at the end. Poppies are on sale in each classroom and I would like to thank Mrs Parnell and Mr Roland Reece from the British Legion for organising this for us.

Black History Month

October marked Black History Month and Miss Grooby and Miss Lambe planned and led an exciting range of learning opportunities where the children researched a wide range of people, looking at the contributions they have made and understanding the importance of diversity within our society. The work was celebrated in a fantastic celebration assembly joined by Father Charlie.

School Lunches

I am pleased to announce that our hot meal provision is working really well and through careful planning, we are able to offer hot food in a communal environment whilst following Covid-19 health and safety guidelines. If your child is isolating because they are clinically extremely vulnerable or because they have to isolate due to a bubble closure or contact with a positive case, we can offer a food box from the school office which is collected once a week. Please contact the school office if you need to request one.

Birthdays

We are aware that due to Covid restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends. Therefore, we would like give the children the opportunity to celebrate their birthday in school with their class friends. On the last Friday afternoon of each month all children who have had a birthday that month will be able to celebrate together. The school will provide games, treats and a birthday bun for each birthday child.

Swineshead Ofsted

On Tuesday 13th October, Swineshead St Mary's was visited by two HMI Inspectors from Ofsted. Owing to the current situation with Covid-19, routine inspections have been suspended, but Ofsted are carrying out monitoring visits to gather feedback on the National picture following Covid-19. Our inspection went very well and the inspectors found that the school is working extremely hard to ensure that we have everything in place.

From this visit, inspectors noted that:

- Pupils' attendance is above that usually seen at this time of year.
- Pupils are studying the full range of subjects. You are dedicating more time to the teaching of English and mathematics in all year groups. You are planning to increase the amount of time allocated to the study of other subjects as the school year progresses.
- Teachers in Years 1 and 2 have checked pupils' phonic knowledge. Pupils who have fallen behind are receiving support to help them to catch up.
- In reading and mathematics, teachers are using the information from assessments to provide more support to pupils who need it.
- Teachers are focusing on promoting pupils' well-being. They have checked what pupils can remember across the wider curriculum. Teachers have used this information to adjust their plans, so that pupils can revisit knowledge that has been forgotten.
- Leaders have developed plans to deliver the curriculum remotely if needed. They have checked that families have the right technology to access online resources at home. You have made sure that remote education is closely matched to your usual curriculum.

I am now able to share the report with you and it will be published on the Ofsted reports website within eight working days.

Pantomime

Unfortunately, we are not able to go to the pantomime this year, but it will be coming to us! We will be live-streaming Jack and the Beanstalk directly into our classrooms. We also get to take part in an interactive creative workshop with activities based on a 'Blue peter style make' video. Peter Duncan (my generation of Blue Peter) who plays the part of Dame Trott will also be announcing birthdays and special shout-outs.



The poster features the 'early years alliance' logo in the top left corner, which consists of two interlocking circles, one green and one blue. To the right of the logo is a graphic of several colorful hands (green, blue, red, yellow) reaching out. The background is a warm orange gradient with a pattern of white dots. The title 'Chat & Chill' is written in a large, pink, bubbly font. Below the title, the text '(run by parent volunteers)' is in a smaller black font, followed by 'Wednesday mornings 10.15 - 10.45' and '(term time only)' in bold black text. A central paragraph in bold black text reads: 'If you'd like to meet other parents of 0-5s, to share ideas and chat about similar experiences please join us with your little ones for a virtual get together!'. At the bottom right, a smaller paragraph in black text says: 'To join you will need to register. Please send an email to beststart@eyalliance.org.uk, include your full name, your child's full name and your postcode and ask to attend the session 'Chat & Chill code VL1'. We will then send you the ZOOM log in details.'

Sir Thomas Middlecott's Exhibition Foundation

I am delighted to announce that Sutterton Fourfields has been successful in a bid to fund resources to start a Forest School in April 2021. We have been awarded £1500 as this make a huge contribution. The grant can only be used for school in any of the parishes of Algarkirk, Fosdyke, Sutterton, Wigtoft, Frampton, Kirton and Wyberton and only for the benefit of the pupils.

Sutterton Diary Dates

10 th November	EYFS 2021 Open Morning via Zoom at 9:30 am
11 th November	Richmond Class Assembly followed by the whole school for Remembrance Day at 9:20 am
13 th November	Children in Need Day: wear PJs, spotty clothing or whacky. Five to Thrive lessons on wellbeing during the day
W/C 16 th November to 20 th November	Nurse Rhyme Week and Anti-Bullying Week (activities to follow)
17 th November	Regents Class Assembly at 9:20 am
17 th November	Road Safety Awareness Day
1 st December	Assembly to mark the International Day for people with Disabilities
8 th December	St James' Class Assembly at 9:20 am
9 th December	EYFS 2021 Open Morning via Zoom at 2:00 pm
10 th December	Pantomime workshop with Peter Duncan
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and school Christmas Lunch (Farm Kitchen)
14 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Hyde at 11:00 am and St James' at 2:00 pm
15 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Regents at 2:00 pm
16 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Phoenix at 11:00 am and Richmond at 1:00 pm
17 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Central at 1:00 pm
17 th December	Christmas class parties

Thursday 17th December **End of Term 2**
Monday 4th January **Start of Term 3**

Congratulations – Baby News

Congratulations to Miss Chamberlain on a beautiful baby girl and to Mrs Street on a beautiful baby boy. Both mums and babies are doing well.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the staff who work here at The Emmaus Federation. It is testament to their determination and professionalism that the return to school last term was so positive and as close to 'normal' as possible. Many staff are working in new and challenging times and they have risen to the challenges with amazing spirit.

I would also like to thank the pupils who are truly amazing. We have been all surprised by how well the children have adjusted and how well they behave in school and follow what needs to be put in place.

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9 th November	EYFS 2021 Open Morning via Zoom at 9:30 am
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W/C 16 th November to 20 th November	Nurse Rhyme Week and Anti-Bullying Week (activities to follow)
17 th November	Road Safety Awareness Day
25 th November	Crowland Class Assembly at 2:20 pm
30 th November	Westminster Class Assembly at 2:20 pm
1 st December	Assembly to mark the International Day for people with Disabilities
2 nd December	Lindisfarne Class Assembly at 2:20 pm
8 th December	EYFS 2021 Open Morning via Zoom at 2:00 pm
9 th December	Ramsey Class Assembly at 2:20 pm
10 th December	Pantomime workshop with Peter Duncan
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and school Christmas Lunch (Farm Kitchen)
14 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Sempringham at 10:00 am and Fountains at 1:15 pm
15 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Kirkstead at 10:00 am and Kelso at 1:00 pm
16 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Crowland at 9:30 am and Ramsey at 2:00 pm
17 th December	Nativities via Zoom: Lindisfarne at 9:30 am, Tintern at 10:30 am and Westminster at 2:00 pm
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Coats

The weather has now turned with frosty mornings and a cold edge in the air. Alongside outdoor play, the school does have to be ventilated at varying points throughout the day and a coat will come in handy if it's a bit nippy!