

## **Autumn Term 2017 Diary Dates**

Dear Parents,

We have been busy putting together all of the dates for this term so that they could be included in the first news bulletin of the 2017/18 academic year. As the term progresses more dates may be added and further information about visits will be sent out nearer to the dates of the visits. We look forward to your continued support for the children by your attendance at celebration/class assemblies, productions, as well as offering them your support with fundraising events.

### **Enrichment Weeks**

Collapsed curriculum weeks will now be referred to as enrichment weeks, as this is exactly what they are intended to be. They are weeks that we use to enhance our curriculum. During an enrichment week the children will still be working, it is just a different way of offering them a range of experiences, as well as allowing us as a school to think creatively about how we deliver a broad and balanced curriculum. Throughout these carefully planned weeks, the children have the opportunity to work with outside providers, with children from different year groups and on a number of challenges that enhance curriculum skills that they need to learn or develop. Emmaville's curriculum is not just about maths, English or science, we ensure that the key skills, knowledge and understanding of all subjects is planned and taught. The curriculum webs that we regularly send out, and which are also posted on the school website, should highlight the skills that your children are learning through each topic taught. Creative Homework is also intended to enhance curriculum skills that will or have been taught in school.

### **Christmas**

This year we have decided to pay for the children's theatre tickets instead of buying them a Christmas present. However, we will be asking for a small contribution towards the cost of the transport. Pupils in the EYFS will be going to the Northern Stage to see a performance of 'Me'. Pupils in Year 1 and 2 will be going to the Tyne Theatre to see the pantomime 'Snow White'. One of our Year 6 pupils, Kate L, will be performing in the Snow White pantomime so we thought it would be lovely for the children to support Kate, and we hope that it may even encourage some children to want to follow in Kate's footsteps. Finally the children in Key Stage 2 will be going to the Arena to see Joe McEldry star in 'Joseph'.

### **School Closure**

Please note that the school will be closed to the children on the following dates:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

**The above dates are to be used by staff for professional development.**

### **Emmaville Website**

Watch this space - the school website is under development. Hopefully it will not be too long before the website is up and running. Mr Saddington has been working with eschools, as this is the company that host the school website. We hope that the changes made to the website will make it easier for parents to navigate and access information.

### **Autumn term diary dates**

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS1 Assembly
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS2 Assembly
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am - 11am - First Toddler Group session of the term
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Head of Y7 from Thorp Academy - KS2 Assembly
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Y5/6 Football
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Y3/4 to visit the Great North Museum
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Open the Book Assembly - KS1 and KS2
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9am - Y3/4 parents to join us for Celebration Assembly. Refreshments will be served after the assembly

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October - A table will be set up in the hall for any contributions that you may want to make for the Blaydon Food Bank. Members of the School Council will be taking the contributions to the Food Bank the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS1 Assembly
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS2 Assembly
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.15pm - Open Evening for parents of children who will start reception and nursery in September 2018
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9am - Y1/2 parents to join us for celebration assembly and to celebrate the harvest. Refreshments will be served after the assembly
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 2pm - Grass Roots Gymnastic Club. Venue Emmaville School
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Open the Book Assembly - KS1 and KS2
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Non Uniform Day for School Fund
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for the October half term holiday

#### **Second half of the autumn term**

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - School reopens after half term
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Y2 pupils to visit the Centre for Life
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Open the Book Assembly - KS1 and KS2
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - School closed for professional development day
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Year 1 & 2 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS2 Assembly
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Year 1 & 2 Parents' Evening
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am - Vienna's Class Assembly. Refreshments will be served after the assembly
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS1 Assembly
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Open the Book Assembly - KS1 and KS2
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am - Rio's Class Assembly, as this is the date of the BBC's Children in Need event, the children of Rio will be organising a fund raising event for this worthwhile charity. Refreshments will be served after the assembly
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Key Stage 2 Parents' Evening
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Enrichment week
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm - EYFS Parents' Evening

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Open the Book Assembly - KS1 and KS2
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm - EYFS Parents' Evening
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9am - Y5/6 Parents to join us for Celebration Assembly. Refreshments will be served after the assembly
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas trees to be delivered
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Pupils from Y3/4 to represent the school at the Gateshead Cheerleading Festival
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - Emmaville's Got Talent. We will be selling refreshments at this event
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Last Toddler Group session of the term
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 to visit the Discovery Museum
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15 am - Moscow's Class Assembly. Refreshments will be served after the assembly
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm - Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am - Year 1/2 pupils to see the pantomime, 'Snow White'
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Reverend Janet Capstick - KS2 Assembly
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am - Reception Class children's Nativity
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm - Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch, all children are invited to wear either a Christmas t-shirt or a Christmas jumper on this day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm - 3.15pm - EYFS Christmas Party
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm - 3.15pm - Y5/6 Christmas Party
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am - EYFS to the Northern Stage to see 'ME'
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm - 3.15pm - Y3/4 Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm - 3.15pm - Y1/2 Christmas Party
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.30pm - KS2 pupils to the Metro Arena to see 'Joseph'
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - School closes for the Christmas holiday
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens after the Christmas holiday

Best wishes,  
Avril Armstrong.