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EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Hello to you all. By the time you receive this week's bulletin you will be getting ready for a much-deserved weekend.

Meet the teacher

Thank you to those parents who came to the 'meet the teacher sessions' it was so nice to see you in the classrooms. I hope you found the sessions informative.

We look forward to seeing the Y5 & Y6 parents in school on Monday 3rd October from 2.45pm - 3.15pm.



Parking

Once again, I need to ask parents/carers to be considerate when parking in the vicinity of the school. This week I have received more complaints about parking, particularly to the rear of the school. Please do not park on grass verges or where it makes it difficult for access or visibility. Careless parking could result in an accident, and I am sure that is the last thing that any of us want to happen.

Attendance

The past two years have been tricky for us all, the pandemic impacted upon many things including the children's education. Since schools were reopened, we have worked hard to catch the children up, taking every opportunity to make up for lost time. We appreciate that families were separated for long periods of time and holiday opportunities were cancelled. However, I just want to remind families of the importance of regular attendance at school. Please be mindful that absence for holidays will not be granted and it will impact upon the children's attendance figure. There is also a process for requests for leave of absence and we ask that families follow that process.

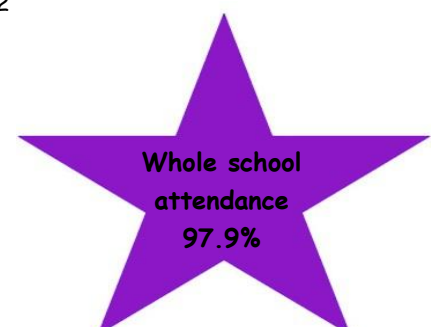
In this week's bulletin, we have included important attendance information.

Best wishes,

Avril Armstrong

School Attendance Week Ending 23.09.22

Year 6: North America	98.5%	South America	97.7%
Year 5: Antarctica	97.9%	Oceania	94.4%
Year 4: Africa	95.0%	Asia	98.4%
Year 3: Northern Europe	95.8%	Southern Europe	91.5%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	99.1%	Wales	92.7%
Year 1: England	96.7%	Scotland	89.7%
EYFS: Gateshead	98.2%	Newcastle	97.3%
Crawcrook	97.2%		



Well done to Northern Ireland for the best attendance last week.



'Together we grow'



Emmaville attendance and punctuality policy can be found on the school website.

We ask that all Parents/Carers familiarise themselves with the attendance policy and work closely with school staff to overcome any problems which may affect their child's attendance.

The following are key points taken from the policy.

The Law

You need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. You will be breaking the law if you do not do this and there are no good reasons for your child missing school.

Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement. It is therefore important that we help our children to establish good attendance habits early on in their primary school career.

Did you know?

Percentage Attendance	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days missed
95%	10 days missed
90%	20 days missed
85%	30 days missed
80%	40 days missed

We aim to achieve a minimum of 96% attendance for all children, apart from those with chronic health issues.

Attendance Categories for Emmaville

Persistent Absence	Concern	Below Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Less than 90%	90 - 93.99%	94 - 95.99%	96 - 97.99%	98 - 99.99%	100%

Role of Parents/Carers

Promote good attendance;

Contact the school office before 9.30am (0191 4132460) on the first morning of absence;

Ensure that contact details are up - to- date;

Avoid taking family holidays in term time;

Make sure that children arrive at school on time but no earlier than 5 minutes before the official school opening time.

Leave of absence

Parents should seek permission for a leave of absence during term time prior to the leave using the request for leave of absence form (available from the school office or it can be downloaded from the school website).

The request for an authorised leave of absence must be made at **least two weeks** in advance.

School will reply to all applications in writing stating whether or not the absence has been granted.

Medical appointments

Please note that parents/carers are discouraged from making medical or dental appointments during the school day. However, we realise that this is sometimes unavoidable but where possible children should only be removed from school for the minimum period of time.

If you are asked for medical evidence you will need to provide copies of G.P./hospital appointment cards or letters.

Lateness

Poor punctuality is not acceptable.

Please help us to establish good time keeping as we feel that this is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world.

Being 10 minutes late each day for one year is equal to 33 hours - approximately 6 days!

Minutes lost each day by being late	Days lost per year (approx.)
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6 days
15 minutes	9 days
20 minutes	12days
30 minutes	18 days

Morning registration is between 8.50am and 9am. Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive after this time. The register closes at 9.30am. If your child arrives after this time, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Working in partnership together will ensure that the pupils at Emmaville School do not miss out on educational opportunities

With very best wishes,

Avril Armstrong

A series of illustrations showing children engaged in various activities: a boy planting a seedling, a large flower growing from a pot, and a group of children playing together, including one reading a book and another on a unicycle.

Application for Leave of Absence during Term Time

A.	Pupil Details
Name:	
D.o.B:	
Class:	

B. Leave of Absence Request Details	
Start date of requested leave of absence:	
Return to school date:	
Number of days:	
What are the exceptional circumstances for your leave of absence request that you wish the school to consider?	
Name of Parent/Carer (print):	
Signature:	Date:

C.	For School Use
Pupil's current attendance%:	Previous LOA this academic year:
Is the LOA approved?:	Yes No
Signature of Headteacher:	Date:



Durham SFA 7-a-side Cup

Well done to the Emmaville football team who progressed to the Durham SFA 7-a-side Cup District Final and ultimately came third in a closely fought competition. Over two weeks, the team were excellent, playing high quality football, showing commitment and teamwork, as well as a fantastic attitude throughout.

Durham SFA 7-a-side District Group Stage

Emmaville 5 - 0 Greenside (Ethan x3, Myles x2)

Emmaville 1 - 0 Ryton (Ethan)

Emmaville 0 - 0 Crookhill

Durham SFA 7-a-side District Final

St Joseph's 1 - 1 Emmaville (Myles)

St Mary's 1 - 0 Emmaville

Emmaville 1 - 0 Dunston Hill (Noah)

Emmaville 0 - 0 Clover Hill

Emmaville 3 - 0 Crookhill (Ethan x 2, Myles)

Team	G	W-D-L	+	-	±	P
St Mary's	5	3-2-0	9	0	9	11
St Josephs	5	2-3-0	5	3	2	9
Emmaville	5	2-2-1	5	2	3	8
Clover Hill	5	0-5-0	1	1	0	5
Crookhill	5	1-1-3	1	7	-6	4
Dunston Hill	5	0-1-4	1	9	-8	1

A lot of positive for the team and we look forward to the upcoming Blaydon and District West League matches.

Mr Elliott

Water Bottles

New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.95.
Unfortunately, we no longer sell lids only.



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Frankie, Noah, Louis and Nicholas (North America)

For superb mathematical explanations during a problem solving activity in a maths lesson about the school library.

North America - Frankie

For excellent effort and kindness to his friends.

South America - George Ju and Isaac

For demonstrating great knowledge and enthusiasm at the Victoria Tunnel.

Antarctica - Lydia M

For such hard work and effort in all her learning!

Oceania - Jasmine

For asking fantastic questions in lessons.

Africa - Molly R

For her great attitude to her work particularly in Art.

Asia - Emily P

For excellent attitude to her work.

Northern Europe - Liam

For his fantastic core strength in Yoga, amazing!

Southern Europe - Maaz

For super effort with his homework and listening well in class.

Northern Ireland - Isabella

For her superb skills and strength in Yoga.

Wales - Chloe

For her mathematical explanations and reasoning.

England - Cameron

For his fantastic attitude towards learning.

Scotland - Charlotte

For her amazing sentence writing skills.

Gateshead - Phoebe

For her fabulous phonics this week!

Newcastle - Zac

For putting 100% effort into all activities.

Crawcrook Nursery - Jake

For being a fantastic role model during group time and remembering so many of our nursery rules.

School Cook - Charlie S (Wales)

For wonderful manners at lunchtime.