

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Welcome back everyone. We have really enjoyed having all the children back with us after the summer holiday. They have returned to school refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

A big shout out to the 60 reception children who have joined us this week. They have come into their newly decorated classrooms without any fuss; the transition has gone amazingly well. Once again, credit to their parents for carefully preparing them for school life, all that preparation has paid off.

I would also like to extend a welcome to the other pupils that have joined our school at the beginning of this term, they have also settled very well and have quickly adapted to the school routines.

I am hoping that the school year 2021/22 will be much easier than the last 2 academic years, and the words that spring to mind as I write this note, 'Things can only get better!' Fingers crossed that is true.

As promised, current arrangements for dropping off, collecting, lunches and wraparound provision will be reviewed at the end of week 3 of this term (week ending 24th September). Parents will be informed of any changes on Friday 24th September.

This term, we welcome back to school Melanie Crydiac, who returns after her maternity leave. Miss Crydiac will be working in Wales class this year with Miss Woolard. It is lovely to have her back in school with us, we have missed her lovely French accent!

Some more good news to share, during the summer holiday Miss Lamb got married and, when she returns to school from maternity leave, she will be known as Mrs Toward. We wish Kat and Dan Toward the very best of luck for the future.

Term dates - Academic Year 2021/22

Attached is a copy of the Gateshead Agreed Term and Holiday dates. During the next academic year, it has been confirmed that there is an additional bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee. This falls during the May half term and so, to allow school-based staff to benefit from this day, Gateshead have set a fixed day off for schools on Friday 1st July 2022 as the equivalent of this extra bank holiday.

**Please note in addition to the above,
Emmaville will be closed to pupils on:**

Friday 22nd October - Professional Development Day

Monday 6th June - Professional Development Day

Monday 4th July - Occasional day

Best wishes,

Avril Armstrong





On August 10th, a team of teachers (plus Mrs Toward's 4 month old baby, Alfie!) took part in a charity walk to raise money for the Walk and Talk Trust. The idea behind the charity is to promote the physical and mental benefits associated with regular exercise, and specifically walking. We had a great day, climbing, hiking, and at times wading through bogs, for over seven hours. We had great views, great laughs and a great afternoon tea to finish the day!

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for your generous donations, which have helped to raise a grand total of £975. The money raised from our walk will go towards buying all the children in Year 6 a pair of walking boots and will be used throughout this year to help promote their physical and mental wellbeing. We can't wait to get out walking together!

Miss McPherson

"If I am thinking correctly," said Pooh,
 "a new baby is probably undoubtedly the grandest gift that could ever be."
 "A grand gift indeed."

Congratulations to Bea (South America) on the birth of her baby brother Jude.

Water Bottles

Could we ask that your child has their water bottle in school every day. New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.20, spare lids can also be purchased for 25p.

Please note, for health and safety reasons dogs are not allowed on any of the school yards. We politely ask that all parents/carers respect this rule.

Thank you