

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have had a good summer with your children.

It is lovely to have the children back in school; I have been very impressed with how quickly they have settled into their new classrooms adapting to the routines. As we wish to create a good learning environment within the classrooms, the children have created their own class charters, which include expectations of behaviour.

Communication

Meet the teacher sessions have taken place throughout the course of the first two weeks, we thank you for taking the time to come into school. We look forward to welcoming the reception parents to meet their children's teacher on Monday 16th September.

During the meet the teacher sessions, parents should have been informed about how they can communicate with their child's teacher and how teachers can communicate with parents. Tapestry is used in the EYFS and Seesaw in Key Stage 1 & 2. Marvellous Me is used by teachers to send quick messages home to celebrate pupil/class successes, parents can respond to this with a thumbs up.

Please take time to read the weekly bulletin as it does contain relevant information, it is also uploaded on to the school website.

Mr Saddington has set up the class pages on the website. Looking at the weekly updates that teachers post on the website is an ideal way for you to see what learning has taken place in the classrooms, so please take time to find out what your children are doing in school.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding systems we put in place are for the wellbeing and safety of our children and staff. Can we please ask parents not to enter the school building without being admitted by a member of the office staff or a member of the teaching team. The automatic doors at the front of school do stay open for a short while once someone has exited through them, and for parents it may seem tempting to enter once they are open. However, we request that you do not do that. Please wait at the entrance to the front of school, press the buzzer on the panel to the left as you face the doors and wait until you are greeted by a member of the office staff. The office is manned at all times; however, we are a very busy school and there may on occasions be a short delay before someone comes to greet you, and we ask for your patience if this should happen.

Breakfast and After School Club

Nursery and Key Stage 1 children who attend breakfast club should be dropped off at the rear of the school building. The door that is used for entry is the very last door to the right as you face the school building, it is close to the park railings. If in doubt, please ask a member of staff. Children should be collected from after school club at this door too.

Key Stage 2 children should be dropped off and collected at the hall doors. As the children are our priority, and the rooms may be busy, there might be a slight delay in an answer, again we ask for your cooperation and patience. We are also in the process of having bells fitted to both doors, which will be a help to staff.

Key Stage 1

We have been reviewing our procedure for dismissing the Year 1 and Year 2 children at the end of the school day. Parents will be notified by letter next week what we are putting in place. Watch out for a new song that the children will be learning to keep them safe at the end of the school day!

Attendance

The government are having a big drive to improve the attendance of pupils, including reducing the number of children who are taken out of school for a holiday during term time. Attached is a reminder about the importance of regular attendance.



'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 on the first morning of absence;

Tel: 0191 4132460 or Email: emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

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 it is a 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 8.45am 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.

Working in partnership together will ensure that the pupils at Emmaville School do not miss out on educational opportunities.

Diary Dates

I am in the process of collating diary dates for the autumn term and these will be included in next week's bulletin. However, please see the table below with some dates that you may want to add to your calendars.

School Term Dates 2024/2025

	Start of term	Half Term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	02.09.24	28.10.24 - 01.11.24	19.12.24
Spring Term	06.01.25	24.02.25 - 28.02.25	11.04.25
Summer Term	28.04.25	26.05.25 - 30.05.25	18.07.25

All dates are inclusive.

In addition to the above dates, school will be closed to pupils on **Monday 5th May 2025 (Bank Holiday)**.

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

Friday 25th October 2024 - Professional Development Day

Friday 20th December 2024 - Professional Development Day

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Professional Development Day

Friday 4th July - Occasional Day

The start of the Autumn Term 2025 is proposed as Monday 1st September 2025.

School Uniform

The uniform policy can be found on the school website.

The uniform consists of a purple sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with the school logo, light grey polo shirt with the school logo, grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirt or a grey pinafore (no culottes). Please note skirts should be regular school skirts and not fashion skirts. In the summer months purple and white gingham checked dresses may be worn (not striped and no play-suits).



Information and order forms for uniform are available on the school website. However, the school office staff, will also assist with queries about uniform.

In keeping with uniform and the colours of the school, plain white or grey socks (ankle or knee high only) should be worn. Please ensure that no fashion socks are worn by the children. Plain grey tights may also be worn.

Black polished smartly kept shoes are worn in school; sandshoes are worn for indoor P.E. and trainers may be worn for outdoor P.E. but not for school.

The wearing of nail varnish is not allowed. Nor is the wearing of earrings or other items of jewellery. For health and safety reasons no earrings should be worn for school, nor should children wear earrings with plasters covering them or with plastic retainers in their ears. No responsibility can be accepted by the school for jewellery or watches lost on the premises.

Hairstyle colour and accessories should be suitable for primary school children. Hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Short hair should be no shorter than a 'No 2'. Please note that no extreme or fashion hairstyles, such as mullets, shaved or tram lines are allowed. School does not permit children to have haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children, or to wear hair gel. Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons. Ribbons, bobbles, hair bands and slides should be small and simple in style and only in the school colours of purple and grey.

Braids without coloured threads and beads are permitted in cases where race is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010.

It is now school policy, that on PE days pupils should come to school in their PE kit. The school PE kit consists of: black shorts, white T-shirt (summer), socks and sandshoes (indoor) or trainers (outdoor) black tracksuits or leggings, jogging bottoms and black sweatshirts (outdoor).

Please note, no fashion-branded PE kit should be worn.

Year 5, will go swimming in 2024/25. These pupils will need swimwear and a towel and should come to school dressed in their purple uniform

Crawcrook Fair

The fair takes place on Saturday 14th September. We hope that our families will support the event as the organisers will have spent a considerable amount of time making preparations for the day. Fingers crossed the sun shines on Saturday.

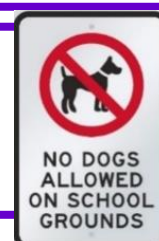
Finally, we do value the support of our families as we all work together to create a safe and happy learning environment for the children of Emmaville.

Have restful weekend.

Avril Armstrong

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.





Open Evening

Wednesday 16th October 2024

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Have you got a child who is due to start in Nursery or Reception in 2025?

If so, we are holding an Open Evening for families who would like to know more about our two- or three-year-old nursery provision or are interested in applying for a place in our Reception classes from September 2025.

Please come along to the main entrance of the school between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

We will be delighted to offer guided tours where you will be able to meet the staff and have the opportunity to ask any questions as we realise that choosing a school for children is an important decision for parents.

Nursery application forms will also be available for collection.

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SCHOOL MEALS PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA



A SELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- PIZZA
- SAUSAGE ROLLS OR VEGGIE SAUSAGE ROLLS
- CHICKEN OR QUORN NUGGETS
- A SELECTION OF SANDWICHES & WRAPS
- POTATO WEDGES WITH DIPS
- VEGGIE STICKS & HUMMUS
- MIXED GARDEN SALAD

FRESH FRUIT SALAD & ICE CREAM TUBS

**3RD
OCTOBER**

Reception - Year 6

On Thursday 3rd October, if your child would normally have a packed lunch and would like to stay for the Party Extravaganza lunch, please let the school office know by email: emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk stating if they require the vegetarian option.

We ask that you let the school office know by **no later than the morning of Wednesday 18th September**. This will enable our cook to finalise the food orders for the lunch.

The cost of the lunch for children in Y3 - Y6 is £2.50 and this should be paid for through the Parentmail app.

School Attendance - Week Ending 06.09.24

Year 6: North America	97.1%	South America	91.9%
Year 5: Antarctica	99.4%	Oceania	95.8%
Year 4: Africa	96.4%	Asia	95.7%
Year 3: Northern Europe	99.4%	Southern Europe	99.3%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	99.3%	Wales	96.3%
Year 1: England	99.4%	Scotland	98.0%
EYFS: Gateshead	96.7%	Newcastle	93.1%
Crawcrook	89.2%		

**Whole school
attendance
97.3%**

Well done to Antarctica, Northern Europe and England for the best attendance last week.

Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Brooke - Asia
For being such a kind and considerate girl

North America - Eva-Leigh
For such a great attitude to Year 6 life.

South America - The whole class
For a super start to Year 6.

Antarctica - The whole class
For a fab start.

Oceania - Charlotte C
For her brilliant work in maths and fantastic attitude to learning.

Africa - Peter
For settling into Year 4 so brilliantly and making an effort to stay focused.

Asia - All of Asia
For super teamwork skills and using all their learning attitudes.

Northern Europe - Kelliana
For being kind, sharing well and following instructions brilliantly! Well done!

Southern Europe - Kaitlyn
For being an excellent role model for all of the children in Year 3.

Northern Ireland - Jaxon
For being super focused this week!

Wales - Summer
For a brilliant all-round positive start to Year 2.

England - All of England class
For an amazing start to Year 1.

Scotland - The whole class
For settling in to Year 1 so well!

Gateshead and Newcastle - All of the children
For starting school so amazingly.

Crawcrook Nursery - All of Nursery
For settling back in so well.

School Cook - The whole school
For being so polite at lunchtime.