

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Emmaville's Amazing CHEERLEADERS!

Date: Friday 3rd December '21

Dear Parents/Carers,

Woo hoo, the festive season has begun at Emmaville. The naughty elves are back in the classroom, and I gather they are also in the majority of your homes as the children told me with excitement this morning. I wonder what mischief they will get up to this year!

We love anything that sparkles at Emmaville so the school is glittering in preparation for the excitement ahead in the lead up to Christmas. Of course, as we draw close to the 25th December, we will not forget the true meaning of this time of year and the Christmas story will be something that we will share with the children.

Thought of the Month - Kindness - It costs nothing, but means everything

Kindness is marked by acts of generosity, consideration, or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward.

As Harold S Kushner once wrote,

Do things for people

Not because of who

They are or what

They do in return,

But because

Of who you are.

We think it is important for the children to be kind as we believe this helps them to experience positive mental and physical changes. Kindness can increase self-esteem, empathy, compassion, and improve mood. We actively encourage the children at Emmaville to offer a helping hand, smile and compliment others, and to expect good things to happen and to be a positive light.

How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time.

Morgan Freeman

Inter-Faith Day

This poster was produced by the children in one of the KS1 classes during Emmaville's Inter-Faith day. I really like the sentiment of the words on the poster - 'Be lovely to everyone no matter what they believe in!' A great message for us all.



EMMAVILLE CHEERLEADERS

The children of Northern Europe were a credit to the school, their families, and most importantly to themselves as they performed at the Gateshead Schools Partnership Cheerleading and Gymnastic Festival. They have worked incredibly hard to perfect their performance, much harder this year than in previous years as so many children missed rehearsals because of COVID or other illnesses. However, that did not deter them from being determined to perform in great style. Miss Rochester and Miss Scanlon were delighted with the children's enthusiasm and with their ability to learn a routine that was choreographed by our clever Miss Rochester. A video of the children's performance will be posted on the Northern Europe class page and will also be posted in the December section of the school website. A huge congratulations to all who took part, and a big thank you to Miss Rochester and Miss Scanlon for supporting the children so well.

Rockin' around the Crawcrook Christmas Tree

It is always a lovely occasion when the community can come together to celebrate the lighting of the Crawcrook Christmas tree, a tradition that we like to partake in. This year, it was the turn of the children of Southern and Northern Europe to sing with the choir from St. Agnes School. The Year 3 teachers were very impressed with the enthusiasm that their children showed when preparing for the carol singing session. I was able to receive a private showing prior to the performance in Crawcrook, and let me tell you, they were superb. True Emmaville singing stars. I was particularly impressed by their ability to remember the lyrics of the carols. Unfortunately, I was unable to watch them perform on the afternoon of the 1st as I had two back to back virtual meetings. However, I understand that things didn't go too smoothly as there was a problem with the sound system and our poor children had no music to sing to. That was a great pity, but I was told that they were not deterred and they performed to the best of their ability.

Mrs Hamilton and Miss Rochester were incredibly proud of the children for soldiering on.

We would like to invite the Year 3 parents/carers to collect their children from school on Thursday 9th December at 3.45pm. However, before you take the children home, they are going to perform the carols for you again in the school yard, this time with music accompaniment. Parents/carers will also be able to enjoy a hot drink and a mince pie whilst you listen to the children sing.



The Sorcerer's Apprentice

We are excited to be taking the children on Wednesday 8th December to the Northern Stage to watch the performance of the Sorcerer's Apprentice. The children will leave school at 1pm and each year group will travel together on a bus so there will be no mixing of year groups.

The performance begins at 2pm and we are anticipating returning to school at 5.30pm; however, this will be dependent upon traffic so bear with us if we are running late.

Collection of children after the show

In order to reduce congestion as children are being collected when we return from the theatre, we ask that the parent/carers of Year 1 & Year 2 children wait on the front yard for the children to be dismissed.

The children in Year 3 & 4 will be dismissed from the gate leading into Crawcrook Park, and the children in Year 5 & 6 will leave from the entrance that they normally leave from at the end of a school day. Members of staff will be escorting the Year 5/6 pupils out of school to ensure that they leave the school grounds safely.

We are aware that some parents have children in each Key Stage, to support you with collections in different areas, be assured members of staff will stay with your children until you can collect them all. We ask for your patience as we have no control over which bus departs first from the Northern Stage.

Christmas Parties

Last year the children had a party style lunch, with cupcakes, biscuits and juice served to them later in the afternoon. We plan to do the same this year. The school will pay for the lunch and sweet treats on the day of the party; no payment is required from families. However, I am aware that some children prefer a packed lunch from home. If your child/children do not want to eat the following on the day of the party then please feel free to provide them with a packed lunch.

Lunch Menu for the 16th December

Hot dog in a bun (vegetarian hot dogs will be available)

Packet of crisps

Ice cream

Satsuma

Carton of juice

Afternoon treats

Iced Cupcake

Party rings

Juice

Please remember, on the 16th December, children should come to school in their party clothes



Vouchers for pupils eligible for means tested free school meals

The Council has decided to provide vouchers to children eligible for means tested free school meals.

The vouchers will be for the week commencing 20th December until Sunday 2nd January. School will be ordering the vouchers before the end of the autumn term.

For the Christmas 2021 holiday period, the weekly voucher value will be £30 per child (£60 in total). However, please note that future vouchers will be issued at the normal value of £15 per child per week.

Reading

This week the children in each class received a special delivery from our friend Lizzie, the Book Detective. Each class received a box containing some new books for them to read. They were very eager to see what was inside the box and they were equally eager to see which Christmas books had been dropped off by Lizzie too. Aww, we do love a good book at Emmaville!

Miss McPherson would like to draw your attention to information that she has shared on the Reading at home section of the school website. If you want ideas for Christmas presents, then why not check out the website for books that are recommended for children of different ages by using The Primary School Book Gift Guide 2021.

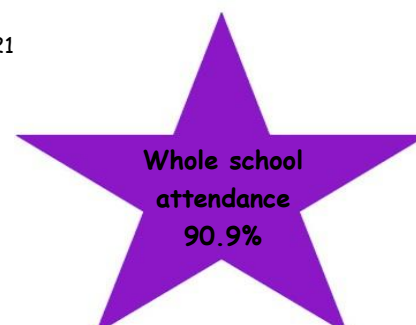
Have a lovely weekend.

Avril Armstrong

Safeguarding - This week we are including information regarding Squid Game.

School Attendance Week Ending 03.12.21

Year 6: North America	91.2%	South America	89.6%
Year 5: Antarctica	87.3%	Oceania	97.6%
Year 4: Africa	93.3%	Asia	89.1%
Year 3: Northern Europe	90.1%	Southern Europe	94.2%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	90.0%	Wales	95.1%
Year 1: England	95.7%	Scotland	68.7%
EYFS: Gateshead	96.6%	Newcastle	97.2%
Crawcrook	87.0%		



Congratulations to Oceania for the best attendance last week.

Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - James (Asia) and Noah (Antarctica)

For settling so well into Emmaville. Lovely to have you with us boys.

North America - Jacob

For excellent effort in English and being such a kind classmate.

South America - Ross

For showing a much more positive attitude to his learning.

Antarctica - Tyler

For fantastic attitude in always wanting to do well.

Oceania - Isaac

For amazing ideas and writing in English.

Africa - Jake

For brilliant Maths work and being a great learning partner.

Asia - Lydia

For working so hard in all areas of the curriculum. What a superstar.

Northern Europe - Amberlilly

For her excellent answers in our Guided Reading lesson about Bessie Coleman.

Southern Europe - Amber

For being such a conscientious learner.

Northern Ireland - Mireya

For the superb effort she has put in all week.

Wales - Amelia

For such excellent listening all week and working so hard in every lesson.

England - Penelope

For her fantastic attitude to learning.

Scotland - Ivy

For always being so happy, so kind and helpful - a total class superstar!

Gateshead - Erin

For her superb work in Maths on 'one less'.

Newcastle - Amelia

For her fabulous story-telling and her lovely smiles.

Crawcrook Nursery - Charlotte

For excellent Numicon work in our superhero challenge.

School Cook - Joshua (Wales)

For lovely manners when collecting his lunch.