

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Reception visit to Clara Vale

What a lovely day we had in Clara Vale on Monday!

The children were so well behaved and had lots of fun. We walked down to the village hall and had a snack before heading to the nature reserve where we went on a scavenger hunt to find lots of different shapes and textures. Then we did some pond dipping, investigating all of the creepy crawlies that we had found in the water and we also built some fairy dens using natural materials.

After lunch we went to the orchard where we used the apple press to make some delicious apple juice. To finish of our wonderful day we had a play in the park. Everybody was quite tired at the end of the day, the grown-ups included!

Thank-you to all the parents and carers that joined us.

This is what some of the children thought about the day:

I liked the apple machine best, the juice was yummy. Joseph

Lilyann and Owen loved finding the big apples.

Making the fairy house was my favourite things. Grace

We liked pond dipping. Johnjo & Spencer

Leah and Lexi found lots of different textures on our scavenger hunt.



Harvest is a chance to say Thank you.

Apples fall from the trees.

Ripe fruit ready to pick.

Vegetables to share with familys.

Exhausted farmers working until midnight.

Sing songs and enjoy food.

Thank you God for everything you give us.

Max, Alfie and Sophia (Vienna)



'Together we grow'



Dear Parents/ Carers,

The school attendance and punctuality policy has recently been updated. The policy can be found on the school website. Parents/Carers should 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 so 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 10 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.

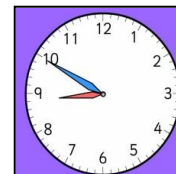
Being 10 minutes late each day for one year is equal to 33 hours - approximately 6 days!

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	12 days
30 minutes	18 days

School starts at 8.50am. 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.

With very best wishes,
Avril Armstrong



Breakfast and After School Club

In a morning we may need to use the rear yard for the breakfast club children. To ensure their safety, the gate will be locked if the children are playing outside. However, if you are dropping off children for breakfast club then a member of staff will unlock the gate so that you can gain entry.

Arrival at school in a morning

The start of the school day is 8.50am. A member of staff will be on duty from 8.40am. For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to be on the school yard until 8.40am.



It is always good to catch up with students from Thorp that were once pupils at Emmaville. Lucy W has recently written this report about her first year at Thorp Academy. As Lucy had been an Emmaville pupil I thought it would be good to include Lucy's report in this week's news bulletin. It will give prospective Thorp pupils an insight into school life from the point of view of one of the current students. It makes interesting reading and it is lovely to see how much Lucy is enjoying her time at the Academy.

Avril Armstrong.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in year 7; it has been amazing. All of the teachers have been really kind and have helped me learn a lot this year. I have also really enjoyed after school activities like athletics club and EPP (Elite Performer Program). These clubs help you make friends, learn a new sport and work on your teamwork skills.

Achievement club in the learning resource centre is good because it helps you complete homework and there are always fun activities for you to do. You can also use the computers there!

Lessons at Thorp are great because we do collaborative learning. This is where you can share ideas with people on your table. If you aren't sure of an answer or don't understand, collaborative learning helps because other students can help you build upon your knowledge and understanding.

During year 7, I have made lots of new friends and met lots of new people. When at first I was nervous, I soon realised there was no need to be and that everybody is really nice. Don't be worried to ask teachers or students for help if you need it, everybody wants to help! Now year 7 is over, I can't wait for year 8 to begin!

Lucy W.



Last Thursday, Y1 and Y2 went to the Northern Stage to see a performance of the Snail and the Whale and what a fantastic time they had!

This is what some of the children had to say about the performance:

We liked it when the water blasters came and squirted real water at us.
Archie and James

We liked the little girl dressed as the snail who rode on the whale made out of 3 tables, 1 bookshelf and an armchair for the tail.
Ebba and Jasmine

We went to see Snail and the whale, I liked it when the girl was writing 'lift wanted around the world' on the window.
Zoe and Amelia

The characters squirted water guns at us, we got splashed. It was funny. Louie

I liked it when they built the volcano and the bubbles went out. Samuel

I really liked it how they made the whale on the stage! Poppy

We really liked the volcano and think that we should make our own in School!
Hayden and George

I liked when they sprayed the water. Jake



School Attendance
Week Ending 05.10.18

Year 5/6	
New York	99.3%
Rio	98.5%
Toronto	91.9%
Year 3/4	
Jerusalem	95.7%
Kuala Lumpur	96.9%
Moscow	95.9%
Year 2	
Cape Town	95.3%
Vienna	96.7%
Year 1	
Edinburgh	98.5%
Glasgow	97.1%
EYFS	
Gateshead	99.3%
Newcastle	98.0%
Crawcrook	91.3%

Well done to
New York and Gateshead
for the best attendance last week.

"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 Charlie (Nursery)
on the birth of his baby brother Jake.

This week's House Points

1st

TEAM
TYNE
587

2nd

TEAM
ANGEL
586

3rd

TEAM
SAGE
506

4th

TEAM
BALTIC
319



Congratulations to Theo from New York class for completing his first 5k Park Run last weekend. We were all aware that he's 'like the wind' for the school football team; however, it appears he has got a talent for long distance as well. Apparently, he even managed to pull out a sprint finish to leave his dad behind at the end of the race. We're all really proud of you Theo.



On Thursday last week, the Year 6 children joined pupils from other primary schools at Thorp Academy for a fitness festival. There were a whole range of fun activities on offer, from yoga and netball skills, to passing & throwing and relayed beep runs. Everyone certainly got a good workout and it was also great to see ex-Emmaville pupils organising and running some of the individual activities.



Forthcoming dates for your diary...

Monday 15th October
Flu Vaccinations

Friday 19th October 9.15am
New York's Class Assembly
Refreshments will be served after the assembly

Friday 19th October
School closes for the October half term holiday

Monday 29th October
School reopens after half term



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Sophie (Y3 Jerusalem)

For the wonderful enthusiasm that she shows at all times. Sophie you are a ray of sunshine.

New York - Theo

For his amazing achievements in sport and his beautiful creative writing.

Rio - Jake

For his attitude to Maths and excellent work with negative numbers.

Toronto - Max

For being such a kind and considerate Buddy, and having a very mature attitude.

Jerusalem - Sam

For sheer determination in his reading and writing.

Kuala Lumpur - Molly

For her fantastic portal story and showing such great enthusiasm when writing her story.

Moscow - Charlie

For always having a great attitude to learning.

Cape Town - George

For fantastic maths reasoning work this week.

Vienna - Tyler

For having such a positive attitude when starting his work. Keep it up Tyler!

Edinburgh - Jake

For amazing 'greater than' and 'less than' work in Maths.

Glasgow - Sam

For his absolutely amazing manners. You're a great role model Sam!

Gateshead - Evan

For always trying his best in everything we do.

Newcastle - Drew

For much improved listening and for being super sensible.

Crawcrook

am - Caden for settling in so well and for making us all smile.

pm - Charlie for being a fantastic, sensible member of our Nursery class.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Oliver (Y3 Kuala Lumpur)

For beautiful manners at lunchtime.