
EMMANUEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week ending 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well. We miss you so very much. We have not been given a date regarding when schools will re-open, as the Government is unable to give schools a steer on this presently. We will be sure to let you know when we hear more from the Prime Minister and his team on this.

In this time of uncertainty, it is good to focus on the most basic of things of God. Our

on the unchanging nature of God. Our Heavenly Father knows the end from the beginning and nothing takes him by surprise. He knows that we experience periods of great joy and he knows that we experience periods that are far from joyful.

As we approach Holy Week, let us remember that Jesus experienced great pain and knows exactly what this is like. As we know, he carried all of our sins on the cross and was crucified. He experienced indescribable pain. He understands our every emotion and he wants to be with us on our journey through life, both when times are great and when times are challenging.

Next week will end with Good Friday, when we remember that Jesus died on the cross for us. He did this so that we can be forgiven for our sins. Sins, as we know, are things that we do wrong. Jesus willingly and most painfully took the punishment for our sins on our behalf, so that we can be forgiven. Good Friday is called *good*, because it reminds us that, if we repent of our sins and choose to follow Jesus and obey his commands, we can be forgiven and know God as our Lord, our Saviour and our friend.

Jesus himself explained the power of his death, burial and resurrection in John chapter 3 verse 16, in the Holy Bible, when he said:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The apostle, Peter, described the need for us to acknowledge our sin, be sorry for it and decide to live our lives in following Jesus. We can find Peter's words in Acts chapter 2 and verse 38, in the Holy Bible:

Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. He did not stay dead, but is alive for ever more. This brings us incredible hope. It is no wonder that we celebrate and declare *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, allelujah!* The resurrection of Christ gives his followers, themselves, the hope of resurrection. Jesus said this himself in John chapter 11 and verses 25 and 26, in the Holy Bible:

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

As we continue through this period of lock-down in our nation and in other nations, let us hold onto our Heavenly Father and seek to trust him completely.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

Families who would normally get benefit related free school meals have been supplied with vouchers and/or hampers in lieu of their meal in school, we will be delivering more next week as soon as the food delivery arrives.

If you receive any of the benefits noted below please apply via the link. Once we are notified that you are eligible we will be able to include you in the voucher/hamper scheme.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals>

- Income Support
- Universal Credit*
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support

Allowance

- The Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Support from the Local Authority Social Services Asylum Team (SSAT)
- Child Tax Credit, provided that you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit (but see below), and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is £16,190 or less
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment finishes

Special Thank You

The staff and key worker children attending school during this difficult time said a big thank you to our school cook Mrs Moore this week for continuing to provide them with delicious hot meals and ordering and packing the food hampers to send home.

Spring Harvest Home

We are excited to be part of the FREE online initiative set up by Spring Harvest Home - Monday 13th to Friday 17th April. We are all

disappointed that the Spring Harvest family are not to be able to join together this Easter and are delighted that instead they are hoping to share the good news in each and every living room. Don't miss out on viewing some of your favourite Friends and Heroes and What's in the Bible scenes amongst lots of other exciting content!

Please watch the video for more details

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bw_t1J2734g&feature=youtu.be

Spring Harvest Home will include all the best parts of the gathering but staying at home sharing worship, prayer, teaching, activities and FUN! You will find your favourite characters Macky and Portia from Friends and Heroes and Buck Denver and friends from What's in the Bible? are being shown to cover some aspects of this programme.

Simply go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for 'Spring Harvest'. You can then subscribe to this channel (it is free) to make sure you don't miss out on anything. Be empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the good news of Jesus this Easter!.

Jesus questions the disciples, "Why are you

afraid? Have you no faith?" Mark 4:35-41
Friends and Heroes Episode 29. God brings serenity into our storm - Do not be afraid, His cross is our hope!

Government Update and Advice

What support will be available to parents to help them educate their children at home?

More information will follow about what DfE is doing to support parents. We are working with the BBC and others to provide resources for children to access while at home. For parents with children under 5 years old see hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk.

There is too much pressure on broadband connections in my area - how can my child do online learning?

The government is having regular calls with the major fixed and mobile operators, and with Ofcom, to monitor the situation and ensure that any problems on the networks are rapidly addressed and rectified.

We fully understand the importance of having reliable internet connectivity at this time, so that people can work from home wherever

possible and access critical public services online, including health information.

Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

Home Learning

A daily free audio story read by David Walliams can be found at the link here <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/>

Stream the Wind in the Willows Musical here for free online <https://www.willowsmusical.com/>

We have added new activities to the school website at the link

[https://
www.emmanuelcommunityschool.co.uk/
children/](https://www.emmanuelcommunityschool.co.uk/children/)

Please check the **school twitter account**
@EmmanuelCSchool and the school website

[https://
www.emmanuelcommunityschool.co.uk/term-
dates/](https://www.emmanuelcommunityschool.co.uk/term-dates/) for school term dates and return to school days. We tweet and add a banner to website to remind parents of dates children return to school.



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