

Important Dates

- Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY.
- Monday 13th May – Y6 SATS week.
- Monday 20th May – Y2 SATS week.
- Friday 7th June – Reception Family Assembly.
- Monday 10th June – Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screening.

A message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great rejoicing and a strong sense of the common Christian ethos and much-connected history of the two organisations that we celebrated on Wednesday 1 May Grindon Hall Christian School's joining with Emmanuel Schools Foundation, thereby securing Grindon and its future for generations to come. Wednesday's event took place exactly 30 years after the first foundations were cut, on 1 May 1989, at the original ESF school, Emmanuel College.

I think – no, I am certain! – that I speak for the staff of Grindon Hall in saying that we are absolutely thrilled at this being achieved in the face of some substantial challenges. The agreement by the Department of Education to fully support this 'transfer' of sponsorship is a ringing endorsement of the plans under development over the past six months.

There is much work now to be done to ensure that your children's school is the very best it can be, and to build skilfully upon the endeavours and wisdom of those who have contributed to decades of building of this extraordinary, all-through Christian school. I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Julie Roberts, who has served as acting Principal at Bede Academy, will be joining as Principal of Grindon Hall immediately after May half-term. Mrs Roberts and I will be working closely with Mrs Chris Robinson over the course of the coming weeks to ensure clear continuity of the good work already underway.

There will be much more to share with students, parents and carers as we develop together, and I look forward to meeting you as we school your

children and support you in providing them with an exceptional education.

David Dawes
Executive Principal

New Bank Account

From 1 May 2019 we are part of the Emmanuel Schools Foundation multi academy trust and now have a new bank account. We encourage everyone to pay via the ParentPay online system, which is not affect by the move, but anyone making direct bank transfers to us will need to use the following details from now on:

Name: Emmanuel Schools Foundation
Sort code: 30-93-55
Account: 60491168

Please do not use the old account ending 3968 as this will go to Bright Tribe and will result in a delay in your payment reaching us.

School Crossing Patrol

We have been informed by Sunderland Council that they are once again having to start the recruitment process for another school crossing patrol. We have stressed the need for someone to be in place as soon as possible, as I know many parents have too. If you would like to apply or know anyone who would please contact: Anthony Bell on 5611524.

In the meantime, can we please ask all parents to be mindful of where they park and drop children off at the start and end of day. PC Roger Welsh has suggested that free parking is available in the local shopping area and then you will be able to cross the road with your child.

Carnegie Shadowing Group

Our Carnegie readers have got off to a great start with this year's shortlist of nominated books.

The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals are the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book awards, recognising outstanding writing and illustration in books for children and young people. Children and young people 'shadow' the judging process for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards; they read, discuss and review the books on each shortlist selected by CILIP's panel of Librarian judges and engage in reading related activity online

Young people taking part are known as 'shadowers'. The scheme has thousands of registered reading groups across the UK and Internationally - engaging tens of thousands of children and young people in reading.

This week, Grindon Hall's shadowing group, which is made up of keen readers in Y7 to Year 9, were delighted to be featured as one of the most active groups on the national shadowing website.

Our shadowing group meet on a Tuesday lunch time for to discuss the books, often leading to some interesting debates. If you would like to visit their web page to read their reviews and blog posts you can find it here:

<https://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=904>

Uniform and Equipment

We pride ourselves on our young people looking smart. It is one of the many positives visitors and parents comment on about our school. We have some students currently breaching these rules. Our policy on uniform and equipment is very clear. Could we please ask that parents ensure any uniform and equipment issues are rectified over the bank holiday weekend. To avoid any uncertainty, please see our website for a full list of uniform rules. Any non-uniform items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day for the first offence. Should a student breach the rule again, the item will be confiscated and will not be returned until a parent collects it. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Primary uniform:

<https://grindonhall.org.uk/primary/primary-uniform/>

Secondary Uniform:

<https://grindonhall.org.uk/secondary/uniform/>

Year 1 Brazilian Carnival Afternoon





Year 1 are learning about Brazil in Topic lessons. We dressed up in bright carnival costumes. We went for a Carnival parade around the school grounds, whilst playing musical instruments and dancing. We listened to Samba music and ate traditional Brazilian food. We then decorated carnival masks.

Y5 Bikeability

A reminder to Y5 parents that the pupils will be taking part in Sunderland City Council's Bikeability Week next week. Students will be changing into their PE kits, at school, for the activities. If you wish, bicycles can be left overnight, preferably with a lock, on the racks.



Y5/6 Football

This week we welcomed Redby Primary to our school. The team played with their

never-say-die attitude and, despite the defeat, left the pitch with their heads held high. Man of the Match goes to Oliver Worthington, who always leads by example and never fails to motivate those around him.

Next Thursday, Broadway Juniors will be making the short trip here for our next game.

Derwent Hill 2020

We are delighted with the excellent response so far from the Y4 pupils to next year's residential visit. If you haven't yet paid the initial installment and your child is wishing to attend, we are still accepting deposits via Parent Pay. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs O'Brien or Mr Gordon.