

Key Dates

- 19th March – E-Safety assemblies with Police.
- 20th March – HPV vaccines.
- 22nd March – Year 3 Family Assembly.
- 26th March – Primary Parents' Evening (4.00pm – 6.30pm.)
- 28th March – Year 8 Parents' Evening.
- 29th March – Primary Bad Hair Day

Important invitation

Parents and carers should be receiving today an invitation letter from David Dawes, Emmanuel Schools Foundation and Executive Principal (Designate) of Grindon Hall Christian School from September 2019.

Mr. Dawes is keen to meet with parents and carers as soon as possible and the letter is to invite all parents and carers to a first meeting with him on Wednesday 20th March here at Grindon Hall. There are two opportunities to attend on Wednesday at 3:40 and again Mr. Dawes will be repeating his talk at 6:00pm.

This is an exciting time for the school and I encourage all parents and carers to come to listen to Mr. Dawes as he explains the vision for the school and Emmanuel Schools' plans for the future.

Breakfast Club Car Parking

There has been an increase in the number of cars arriving before 8.00am for breakfast club. May we remind all visitors to park responsibly and only within the designated visitor parking areas. Many parents are waiting near the breakfast club gate in staff parking areas and in the disabled parking bays which causes difficulty to staff and disabled visitors. May we also encourage people to turn off their engines while waiting for the sake of the environment and the health of our students and other parents who gather nearby.

Dogs on Premises

Could we please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time.

Primary Football

The Y5/6 team kick off their spring/summer fixtures on Monday 18th March, against Valley Road Primary School.

The home match will kick-off at approximately 4:00 pm – all support is welcome.



Bad Hair Day (Autism awareness week) - Primary



On **Friday 29th March**, we will be raising money for the North East Autism Society by inviting all primary children to come into school with creative and colourful hair. We do ask for a **voluntary contribution of £1** for the North East Autism Society. We will run a competition for the best bad hair in every year group. We look forward to seeing your bad hair! We are also hosting a cake sale for Primary children. Cake donations would be gratefully accepted. Please ensure that only shop bought cakes are donated due to allergies within school a request a maximum of 50p to be brought in to purchase a cake.



Homework

As you will be aware from previous newsletters, homework is an important part of a child's learning journey. Could we please ask parents with children in the secondary school to use Show My Homework to ensure your son/daughter completes homework on

time and to the correct standard. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Derwent Hill 2020

Thank you to the parents who attended Thursday's meeting. A letter will follow detailing the payment schedule for next year's trip very soon. In the meantime, parents are advised that deposits can be made on the Parent Pay system, to secure a place, on the week commencing, 25th March 2019.

Grammar Roadshow

Primary children in years 1-6 had a wonderful morning exploring adjectives, verbs, adverbs and different sentence types. The children were captivated by the interactive nature of this session and through songs, quizzes and audience participation they all left determined to use this knowledge to improve their writing!

Change of Entry and Exit Gate for Y3-5

From Monday 18th March children in Y3- 5 will enter and leave school by the side field gate beside the Sports Hall (used at the beginning of the academic year).