

January's Core  
Value =  
Independence

# EMMBROOK INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



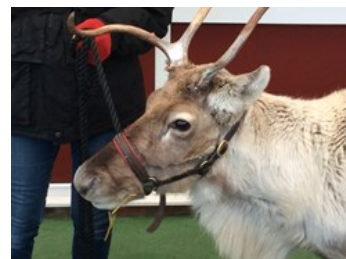
December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally at the end of term! It has as always, been very busy, but very enjoyable. We have welcomed our new Cygnets and their families to Emmbrook Infant School, we hope they have all settled in and are enjoying being part of our community.

I have been looking back at all the activities the children have taken part in this month. What a busy month it has been!

- ⇒ Dressing the Wokingham Christmas Tree with the Mayor
- ⇒ A Christmas workshop led by Steve and Judi Buckridge and their team
- ⇒ Lightning and Jet, the gorgeous reindeer
- ⇒ Rock Choir singing to the Emmbrook senior citizens
- ⇒ Year 1 and 2 presenting their Christmas production 'Lights, Camel, Action!'
- ⇒ Cygnets presenting the Nativity
- ⇒ Raising an amazing **£376.79** in the KS1 and Foundation Christmas production collections which will be split between the Alexandra Devine Hospice and stage lighting for the school hall. Thank you
- ⇒ The Christmas fair— thank you for your support— it raised an amazing **£4,491!!**
- ⇒ The visiting pantomime— Jack and the Beanstalk
- ⇒ Christmas Jumper Day— We raised a fantastic **£162.15** for Daisy's Dream!!
- ⇒ iRock! Christmas assembly



*.....and that's just the Christmas celebrations!*

Finally, I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Fenton all the best as he leaves Emmbrook Junior School for his new adventure in West Sussex.

On behalf of the all the staff and governors,  
we wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

***See you all on 6th January 2020.***



*Best wishes*

*Corrina Gillard*

# Governing News



## Governors' message

We were thrilled to have the Mayor of Wokingham visit us on Tuesday 3rd December to award Mrs Gillard for her contribution to education at Emmbrook Infant school. Below is a copy of the press release that has been released—

### EMMBROOK INFANT SCHOOL HEAD RECEIVES ACCOLADE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION

Wokingham Borough Mayor Cllr Bill Soane recently honoured Emmbrook Infant School headteacher Corrina Gillard for her outstanding contribution to education.

And Cllr Soane recently visited the school to watch its Key Stage 1 Christmas production and also surprise Corrina with a Mayor's Award.

Cllr Bill Soane, Wokingham Borough Mayor, said: "It's important that we acknowledge and celebrate the valuable work of headteacher Corrina Gillard. Her dedication to the pupils, staff and the wider community is very evident. The school achieved its outstanding Ofsted rating earlier this year, thanks to Corrina and her team of dedicated staff, governors and parents.

"She works selflessly to create a happy and inclusive school and I am delighted to honour her with a Mayor's award for her contribution to education."

Corrina has been headteacher at the school since 2013. When she first joined the school, it was rated as good by Ofsted. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to make the school outstanding, a rating the school has now received.

She was nominated for a Mayor's Award by Darrell Frost, a parent governor at the school, who said: "Not only is her leadership exemplary, but her ability to cultivate an inclusive and caring environment through her team has led to the school's superb academic results. She knows the name of every child in her school. More than that, she knows how they are performing and what interventions they receive to motivate them further.

"As a governor, we trust her implicitly. As a parent, her integrity, leadership and passion for the children is unparalleled."

Corrina Gillard said: "I feel truly honoured to receive this award from Cllr Bill Sloane. The award recognises the hard work and dedication of the whole Emmbrook Infant Team, who give so much to ensure every child receives an outstanding education. Without them all, our Ofsted judgement wouldn't have been achieved."

On behalf of the governing board, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Kate Benson, Chair of Governors



# Well done to the following children..



**Congratulations to those children awarded an PATIENCE leaf on our Core Values Tree..**

Rania Brennan	Eddie Titcombe	Vicky Ramirez
Joseph Dixon	Austin Sprake	Joanna Jobin
Elisabet Tigerstedt	Henry Dunn	Laynie Ellis
Harley Cummins	Bertie Dinghile	Carla Gilart Rowe
George Day	Marnie Hearmon	James Leddy
Martha Taylor	Alexandra Dixon	Leo Ketley
Adam Lowe	Iris Saynor	Shelby Hibbert

Lucky Winners of the PTA  
100 club

**First.....45**

**Second.....34**

**Third.....72**



**Congratulations to those children presented with a Silver Swan this month....**

Ollie Brown	Charlotte Jones
Edward Allen	Dylan Griffiths
Annabel Wilson	Melissa Kisieliauskaite
Joshua Jones	Phoebe Langley-Hawkins
Sayan Jaiswal	Isla Ketley
Theo McClintock	Kian Parker
Logan Carlisle	Summer Hughes



**Photos on the Golden Rules Rainbow Board this month!**

Elisabet Tigerstedt	Ethan Bradley
Dylan Griffiths	George Sprake
Noah Griffiths	Luke Matthews
Claudia Goncalves	Pola Debska
Harley Cummins	Shelby Hibbert
William Roberts	Annabelle Stott
Harvey Smith	Rihanna Briggs
Luke Peers	Charlotte Turner
Lily Peers	

## GOLD!

Congratulations to these children who are on GOLD on the behaviour traffic light system for this half-term!

Joshua Jones	Elisabet Tigerstedt	Harry Frost
Joanna Jobin	Faye Clinch	George Day
Vicky Ramirez	Noah Griffiths	Matteo Di Costanzo
Annabelle Stott	Imogen Norcutt	Lacey Smith
Emily Langley- Hawkins	Marcia Messer	Lance Gresty
Eloise Edwards	Albie Childs-Humar	

Cygnets are awarded Gold in the Spring term.

# Diary Dates - Spring Term 2020

## January – Independence Month

6 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school Clubs start this week
7 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – New Parent Tour – FULLY BOOKED PM – Samuel Pepys visiting Year 2
8 <sup>th</sup> January	2.40pm – Year 1 Meet The Teacher (Curriculum Information Meeting)
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Life Bus workshop 9am – New Parent Tour 2.40pm – Year 2 Meet The Teacher (Curriculum Information Meeting)
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Life Bus workshop 8.50am – Foundation Meet The Teacher (Curriculum Information Meeting)
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Police whole school assembly – ‘Staying Safe’
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year move around day
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Police dog handler bringing two police dogs in for a school assembly

## February – Curiosity Month

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2.30pm – Year 2 pre SATS meeting for parents
7 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm – Kingfishers’ class assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm – Swans’ class assembly Grow a Pound
17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Little Eggs arrive in Year 1 2.30pm – Year 1 pre Phonics meeting for parents
28 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm – Woodpeckers’ class assembly

## March – Honesty Month

1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David’s Day
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – All children to dress up as their favourite book character
9 <sup>th</sup> March	uSports Dodgeball workshop
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Hampton Court
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Hand and Mouth Theatre Company – ‘Goldilocks’
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief non-uniform day – come to school in sports kit Robins’ class assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week Mobile planetarium
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick’s Day
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum 2.30pm – Green Cygnets’ class assembly (Please note this is a Thursday)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents’ Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm – Red Cygnets’ class assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30 – 8.00pm – Parents’ Evening
31 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30pm – Rock Choir assembly to parents

## April – Self Discipline

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter move around day 2.30pm – iRock! assembly to parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.00pm – Break up for Easter

# Term Dates 2020/21

## Spring Term 2020

<b>Start of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>End of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm</b>
<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i>

## Summer Term 2020

<b>Start of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday Closure</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>End of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm</b>
<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</i>

## Autumn Term 2020

<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</i>
<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<b>Start of Pupil term (Year 1 &amp; 2 Only)</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</i>
<b>End of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm</b>

## Spring Term 2021

<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</i>
<b>Start of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>End of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm</b>

## Summer Term 2021

<b>Start of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Bank Holiday Closure	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<i>Staff In-Service Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</i>
<b>End of Pupil Term</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm</b>