



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Weekly Update

The Sixth Form cake sale this morning raised exactly £100 for Children in Need. My thanks to all involved!

## Chocolate Tombola Donations Welcome

The Chocolate Tombola at the Wokingham Winter Carnival is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please help support this with donations of chocolate! Any donations that you would like to offer should be dropped in at reception. The form group with the most donations will receive their own bonus non-uniform day. Should you want to contact the PTA then please do so via [pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

## Parent Pulse Check Survey

Thanks to the many parents and carers who took the time to complete the pulse check survey last week on home learning. We'll be using this, and the feedback from students, to develop our new Home Learning Strategy. More news on this will follow.

## Sixth Form Applications Open

Sixth Form applications can be made via your child's school email account. If they haven't yet received this link or for any other queries, please contact Mr Constable, Mr Whitehouse, or Mrs Panesar for help:

- Mr Constable (Head of Sixth Form) – [dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mr Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher) – [pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mrs Panesar (Assistant Headteacher) – [lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Message from the Canteen

Please ensure your child's account is regularly checked and topped up preferably the night before (as it can take up to 24 hours before a payment is shown on the student's account). If money has been added but your child is telling you that the money is not yet showing on the system then parents are advised to send a screenshot of the recent payment made with the date visibly shown to them so that they can show this to canteen staff.

## Flu Vaccinations

The latest government data shows twice as much flu among school children (5-14) as the rest of the population. Last year, the hospitalisation rate from flu for children aged 2-17 was more than halved due to the effectiveness of the flu vaccine ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).



Across the country all students in Years 7 to 11 are offered a free flu vaccine and it will be provided to our students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You will have received direct communication about this so please sign and return the consent forms on time so your children do not miss out.

**Save the Date: The Wizard of Oz – A Panto!**

This year's Christmas production will be The Wizard of Oz – A Panto! Performances will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

**Nick McSweeney**

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