

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you well and enjoying life. Tomorrow evening, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, we are meeting together at school for prayers. That will be in partnership with Derby Women's Network and DKFC (Derby Kids For Christ). We all want the best for children and young people so it would be good to join forces and pray together. The prayer meeting will last from 7:30pm until 8:45pm and it will be great to see you here if you can make it.

Please could you check that your child(ren)'s name is on their belongings and clothes? That is especially important when children are taking part in swimming or games activities, as there have been a few delays recently where ownership of property has been unclear.

For a while we had a mobile telephone number to notify us if either your child was going to be absent or if you were unavoidably delayed collecting your child. We now have a new school telephone system, so have discontinued the use of that mobile phone. Please just use the telephone number above, now.

It doesn't seem long since Christmas, but already we are looking forward to Lent and Easter. Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, this year is on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Weather permitting we will have our traditional pancake races in the school yard from 2:30pm, followed by the sale of pancakes from 3pm. There will be a choice of toppings and cost just £1 each.

We have been blessed by an anonymous donor who has agreed to match funding that we raise at school this year, doubling the amount that we receive. One way that we are raising funds, for those who do online shopping is by using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/emmanuel-school/>. It doesn't cost you anything to use and further details can be found on the website using that link. Please ask Mrs. Stone if you'd like further details.

Thank you to those people who have recently volunteered to help in different ways around school, too. Please accept my apologies for the slight delay in getting back to you, but I will be in touch soon to organise essential safeguarding checks and to see where and when you would like to help. If you haven't yet volunteered but would like to be included please get in touch soon as there are plenty of opportunities. (Matthew chapter 9 verse 37) Special thanks here, to Mr Hallam and Mr Lee who have already been looking at our school fabric to improve safety and enhance our storage provision. I will write again soon with some PTFA news.

Peace and blessings,

Ian Birkin  
(Headteacher)

### Winter Wonderland



Our early years' children looked fabulous this morning as they arrived at school dressed ready for the special Winter Wonderland day. As you can see staff took part, too.

(Pictured: The Snow Queen.)