

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 17th November 2023

Academy News

Antibullying Week

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have joined us at the Cafes this week. The children love sharing their work with you, and it is a great chance for you to come and see the Academy in full flow. The children have been completing an anti-bullying survey this week, as part of our monitoring of behaviour.

Children In Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today. We are very aware that the cost of living is very difficult for many people at the moment, so we are trying not to ask for money donations wherever possible. However, this event is hugely popular with the children and therefore we wanted to acknowledge the day as usual. Please, as with all these events, only give if you can. The children are still welcome to join in with all the celebrations, with no questions asked.

Parents' Evening

If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening last week, we will be sending you a letter inviting you to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher as soon as you are able. It is important that you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with them.

Open Evening

We held an Early Years' Open Evening yesterday for parents who are thinking of sending their children to Herman. Despite the weather, we had a good turn out and it was lovely to be able to show people around our excellent Early Years set up. If you know of any parents that are thinking of sending their children to Herman and who have not visited us yet, please let them know that they are welcome to make an appointment to come and look round.

Packed Lunches

Thank you for supporting us with the changes to the menu over the Winter months. The changes have been received very well by the children.

Ormiston's Got Talent

OAT, our Academy Trust, has launched its talent competition to find the most talented pupils across the academies. There will be class heats, academy heats, regional heats and the Grand Final. Good luck Herman!

Traffic Issues

Please can I ask that, if possible, you do not bring a car close to the academies, although I understand that for parents who live a distance away or have mobility issues, that this is not an option. Can I also please ask that you try and park courteously and if there is a wait to leave, that you try to be patient, whilst the traffic disperses.

We will continue to update you as we have any further news.

Dropping off and Picking Up

Please can I remind parents that unless you have a disabled badge, parents and carers should not bring cars into the carpark.

If you do have a badge and need to park, you will be asked to wait until children have left the Academy.

Sickness

We do have a small amount of sickness in some areas of the Academy. Please can I remind you that if your child has been sick, they must remain at home for 48 hours, whatever the circumstances. Sickness bugs are highly contagious, and we need to make every effort to minimise the risk of infection.

Pupil Premium

You may be aware that households who have an income of less than £16,000 a year are entitled to claim for free school meals. However, you may not be aware that once this has been agreed, the Academy will receive extra money per child so that we can provide clubs at no cost to yourselves and we can subsidise trips and enrichment activities.

Governors

Are you able to spare a few hours to support the academy in its day to day running? Could you be a critical friend of the academy? If so, we are looking to appoint two parent Governors to join our Governing Body. Please contact Reception for more details.

Diary Dates

23rd November Crucial Crew Y6

27th November Training Day (the Academy will be closed to all pupils).

6th December Christmas Fayre

11th December Early Years Nativity

12th December Pantomime

13th December KS1 Nativity

15th December Christmas at the Church

19th December Christmas Dinner/jumper/party day

20th December Last Day of Term

SEND

If you think your child may have additional needs, please discuss your concerns with your child's teacher and we may then arrange an appointment for you to speak with our SENDCO, Mrs Upton. Our SEND Policy is available on the website.

The Ann Craft Trust has a range of resources to support children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/support-for-parents-and-carers-keeping-children-and-young-people-safe-online/>

This link supports parents of children with additional needs in keeping them safe online.

Safeguarding

Every member of teaching and non-teaching staff has up to date Safeguarding Training. Five members of staff have enhanced training to deal with any concerns that are raised.

The Designated Safeguarding Officers at Ormiston Herman Academy are:

Kristy Redhead – Principal and Lead DSL

Mark Thorpe – Vice Principal and DSL

Veronica Longman – Assistant Principal and DSL
Catriona Smith – Assistant Principal and DSL
Paula Milham – Family Liaison Officer and DSL
Janet Upton – Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator and DSL

If you have concerns about the wellbeing of a child, you should call the Norfolk CADS number (0344 800 8020) to report what your concerns are.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend, you must ring the Academy every day that they are off.

Stars of the Week

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Terry
- Explorers: Chantelle
- Searchers: Diana
- Seekers: Tyler
- Pioneers: Effie
- Investigators: Kaio
- Wayfarers: Jennifer
- Navigators: Oliver
- Creators: Joanna
- Pathfinders: Scarlett
- Voyagers: Logan
- Venturers: Saoirse
- Crusaders: Kyle
- Discoverers: Harry

Principal's Award

Each week, teachers have the opportunity to select a pupil for the Principal's Award for continually being an exceptional pupil and setting a good example to their peers.

This week's Principal's awards go to: Stanley (Y1), Harmony (Y6).

Best Dressed Class

Each week, the Senior Leadership Team will select the class that have dressed the smartest during the week. This class will be rewarded with an extra five minutes on Monday's playtime and will get to sit on the bench during assembly.

This week's best dressed class: Crusaders.

Marbles

Each week, the children receive marbles for good work and choices. The marbles are put into colour pots

in the classroom and at the end of each week, they are collected together and the colour / team with the most marbles wins. At the end of term the colour / team that has won the most times, win a small reward.

The winning colour this week is the **BLUE** team.

Attendance

The Autumn Term Attendance Prize will be 2 Electronic Tablets. There will be one for EYFS / KS1 and one for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Autumn Term. All children whose attendance is 98% or above will have the chance to win.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: SEEKERS

Key Stage 2: WAYFARERS

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date Attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 93.28% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.

Community News

Alfie's Fundraiser

Alfie from Year 5 is aiming to raise £2,024 by Children in Need day 2024 by travelling all over the London Underground! More details in the link below:

[Fundraiser by Rianne Shallcross : ALFIE TRAVELS THE TUBES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED ☆
\(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/c/alfie-travels-the-tubes-for-children-in-need)