

## Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Academy News

#### **Welcome Back!**

I'd like to say a very big welcome back to you all and wish everyone a belated Happy New Year! The children have been busy with their learning and have been thinking about their goals for this year and the future, and the steps they need to take to get there. This links with our aspirations, Lifting Limits and Careers programmes. The children have some very interesting goals for the future, including swimming and gymnastics teachers, astronauts, dog groomers and You Tubers!

#### **Cold Weather**

The weather is forecast to get colder again, so can I please ask that all children come with suitable outdoor clothing, including a warm coat, a hat and gloves. We do have some of these in school that you are very welcome to have if you need them. We will also be putting some rails with coats, boots and shoes out on Monday. Please help yourselves to what you need.

#### **Clubs**

These resume on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You will have received a text if your child has been allocated a place. As always, the clubs are very popular and if your child has not been given the place they want this time, we will try and ensure they get their place next time.

#### **Year 2 Parents' Evening**

Reminder that Miss Horton will be meeting with parents on Tuesday afternoon, as this was unable to go ahead last term. All classes will have another parents' evening in March.

#### **Horstead Meeting**

This will take place on Wednesday this week after school has finished. It is an opportunity to learn more about what the children do while they are there and also a chance for you to ask the staff any questions you may have.

#### **Carpark**

Please can I politely remind all parents that no parents or children should be on the premises before 8.25am / 2.50pm unless they are dropping children off for Breakfast Club. Staff and visitors are still arriving and leaving in cars at this time and it is not safe for children (of school age or younger) to be in the car park area. Please support us with this.

#### **Special Menu Day**

There will be a special Winnie the Pooh themed menu on Thursday this week. It will consist of sausages (or a vegetarian alternative), hash browns and beans followed by a chocolate cookie.

#### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Horstead Parents' Meeting, 3.05pm.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Special 'Winnie the Pooh' themed menu.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024: National Story Telling Week.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Children's Mental Health Week.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Safer Internet Day.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Disco!

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Class Photographs.  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Academy Closes for Half Term.  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Academy Re-Opens for Spring Term 2.

### **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.

### **Safeguarding**

Every member of teaching and non-teaching staff has up to date Safeguarding Training. Six 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.

### **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: Isla-Rose
- Explorers: Anarchy
- Searchers: Autumn
- Seekers: Amber
- Pioneers: Layla
- Investigators: Darcie
- Wayfarers: Eeva
- Navigators: Grace
- Creators: Angel
- Pathfinders: Korey
- Voyagers: Freya
- Venturers: Vasu
- Crusaders: Melody
- Discoverers: Alessia

### **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: Esme-Rose (Y6).

### **Marbles**

Each week, the children receive marbles for good work and choices that go towards the weekly total for their team colour. At the end of term, the team that has won the most times, win a small reward.

The winning team for this term is YELLOW 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: Pioneers

Key Stage 2: Crusaders

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 94.24% this week.

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

### **Community**

Fritton Owl Sanctuary would love you to visit them to meet the owls in their care. It is free to visit and the children (and adults) have the opportunity to touch the owls and watch demonstrations. They came into school during the Autumn term and the children in Year 1 loved meeting them.

