

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 19th January 2024

Academy News

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 2 Parents' meeting on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of you. We will be holding further Parents' Evening meetings in March.

Horstead Meeting

Thank you to all the Year 4 parents who were able to attend the meeting on Wednesday after school. If you have any further questions about the visit, please contact the Academy Office.

Lydia Eva

A group of children are visiting Lydia Eva each Friday to work on a Freshly Greated community project. The children visited for the first time last week and they had a wonderful time and are very excited to go again. All the children in the Academy have made a storm lantern as part of a 'Light Up Project' also organised by Freshly Greated, to help people cope with the dark Winter nights.

Disco

We will be holding a disco evening for all pupils on Tuesday 6th February. We will send out more information in the next two weeks.

Cold Weather

Please can I 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 have rails with coats, boots and shoes out each day. Please help yourselves to what you need.

Carpark

Reminder to 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.

Arrival and pick Up

We have a number of pupils arriving late to either drop children off or pick them up. Children who arrive late are missing morning challenges and, depending upon how late they are, their breakfast toast. Children who arrive late are often upset to arrive in a classroom where children are already busy working. **Please try to arrive between 8.30 and 8.45am, before lessons start at 8.50am.**

Also, we have some children who are quite regularly picked up late. This delays teaching staff going into meetings or completing their end of day tasks. Children should not be arriving via the main entrance unless by prior arrangement.

Please try and support us to make the beginning and end of day run smoothly.

Diary Dates

Monday 29th January 2024: National Story Telling Week.

Monday 5th February 2024: Children's Mental Health Week.

Tuesday 6th February 2024: Safer Internet Day.

Tuesday 6th February 2024: Disco!

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

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: Archie
- Explorers: Thomas
- Searchers: Esmee
- Seekers: Zanaya
- Pioneers: Mohab
- Investigators: T-Jai
- Wayfarers: Isabelle
- Navigators: Susie
- Creators: Evaan
- Pathfinders: Isabelle
- Voyagers: Archie
- Venturers: Arcadia
- Crusaders: Harry
- Discoverers: Tillie

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 week is the RED 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: Searchers

Key Stage 2: Voyagers

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 91.3% this week.

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