

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 2nd February 2024

Academy News

National Story Telling Week

This week was National Story Telling Week and the children have had a lovely week working together and sharing stories. This year, we are working hard to develop pupils' oracy skills. Children who can express themselves clearly and explain and expand their thinking, tend to be able to write with more confidence and statistically go on to achieve more as adults. The children have been acting out well known fairy tales, whilst working cooperatively.

World Number Day

Thursday was World Number Day and Mrs Longman held an Assembly for all the children, based around jelly beans. Again, the children were encouraged to think carefully, giving expanded answers with reasoning. They enjoyed estimating the number of jelly beans in the jar as well as completing jelly bean themed learning during the morning. The winner will be revealed shortly!

World Book Day

You will have seen that our theme for World Book Day is Harry Potter this year. We would love donations of odd socks that you no longer use, to free Dobby and the House Elves. If you have any odd socks, please send them into school where we have a box in the Main Office for collecting them.

Class Photos

Reminder that these are taking place on Wednesday 7th February. Please ensure that children are in full and correct uniform.

Football / Pokemon / Games Cards

Please do not allow your children to bring these into school. They cause arguments amongst the children when they are swapping them, and we cannot be responsible for any that go missing.

Disco

If you have not already done so, don't forget to purchase your child's ticket on School Money. The tickets are £2.50 each. There will also be a tuck shop this time and children are allowed to bring up to £1 each to spend on sweeties, biscuits and crisps. Drinks will be provided as usual.

Please note that, unfortunately, any children whose behaviour falls below the expected standard may not be allowed to attend this special treat as this is a reward for pupils.

Children's Mental Health Week

This starts next week. The theme this year is, 'Your Voice Matters', and we will be beginning the week with an assembly based around this. We look forward to seeing you at the Learning Cafes below, to find out what your children have been learning about and joining in with some activities.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February

The children will be revisiting themes around staying safe online. We will be sending out a survey this term to ask your views on digital safeguarding and how you ensure your children are accessing the internet safely at home.

PSHE Learning Cafes

Next week, we will be hosting PSHE Learning Cafes in each year groups, as follows:

Monday 5th February 2024, 2.30pm: Year 1.

Monday 5th February 2024, 2.30pm: Year 2.

Tuesday 6th February 2024, 2.30pm: Year 6.

Wednesday 7th February 2024, 8.30am: Reception.

Wednesday 7th February 2024, 2.30pm: Year 3.
Thursday 8th February 2024, 2.30pm: Year 4.
Thursday 8th February 2024, 2.30pm: Year 5.
Friday 9th February 2024, 8.30am: Nursery.

Reception Learning Cafes

Our Reception classes will be hosting several Learning Cafes over the next few weeks, as follows:
Wednesday 14th February 2024, 8.30am: Maths Focus.
Thursday 29th February 2024, 2.00pm: Phonics Focus.
Wednesday 13th March 2024, 8.30am: Mark Making / Writing Focus.
Tuesday 26th March 2024, 8.30am: Easter Activities.

Chinese (Lunar) New Year

Saturday 10th February is the start of the Chinese (Lunar) New Year. On Friday 9th February the children will be swapping their usual Enrichment activities. Pupils across the Academy will be tasting Chinese food and creating some Chinese arts and crafts. We will be sending further details next week.

OAT'S Got Talent

I am delighted to inform you that Louie, Matei and Jensen in Year 6 will be going to Ormiston Victory Academy on Tuesday 12th March for the second round of Ormiston's Got Talent. We are very proud of them and wish them lots of luck at the next stage.

Diary Dates

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.
Thursday 15th February 2024: Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting.
Friday 16th February 2024: Academy Closes for Half Term.
Monday 26th February 2024: Academy Re-Opens for Spring Term 2.
Monday 26th February 2024: Year 6 to attend Breakfast Club until after SATS week.

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.

Weekly Winners

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: Benni
- Explorers: Francisco
- Searchers: Jeffrey
- Seekers: Mizpah
- Pioneers: Toby
- Investigators: Madison
- Wayfarers: Eli
- Navigators: Clara
- Creators: Harrison
- Pathfinders: Reggie
- Voyagers: Piper
- Venturers: Emily
- Crusaders: Archie
- Discoverers: Madison

This week's Best Dressed class is Crusaders class!

This week's marble winners are the RED team.

Attendance

The Spring Term Attendance Prize will be 2 x £50 Amazon Vouchers and an Easter Egg. There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Spring 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 91% this week.

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