

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 26th January 2024

Academy News

National Story Telling Week

At Herman, we love reading and take every opportunity to read new books and texts. We have some children who have read over a million words! Each time a child reaches a million words they receive a £10 Amazon Voucher to encourage them to keep reading.

Next week is National Story Telling Week and all the children will be taking part in reading activities across the week. Miss Smith will be leading an assembly alongside Mrs Baxter and our Reading Ambassadors.

World Number Day

This also takes place this week and Mrs Longman will be leading an assembly to promote numerical literacy and problem solving. The children will be completing activities based around the book 'How many Jellybeans.' The children always enjoy these days and produce some lovely work.

Attendance

Unfortunately, attendance for the whole academy has fallen below 90% this week. There are certain illnesses around at the moment, but we do encourage pupils to come in unless they really are too unwell to attend. Most pupils, once in, will perk up and generally have a good day. Please try to encourage your children in so that they do not lose any more hours of learning. It is essential that Year 6 pupils are in every day in the run up to SATS.

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 March 12th 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.

PE and After School Clubs

We have an increasing number of pupils coming into the academy without their PE Kit. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum. Can I politely remind parents and carers that PE Kit should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

School Monies

We have a considerable amount of outstanding balances for school dinners. Please note, that if your child has an outstanding balance equal to a week's worth of meals, they will not be allowed to take another school meal until the balance is settled. This is to prevent parents accruing a large debt that may be difficult to clear. Please send your child with a home packed lunch until the balance is cleared. If you are struggling to make a payment, please contact the Academy Office.

Disco

This will take place on Tuesday 6th February. A flyer will go out next week with more information about tickets and times. Please look out for this.

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.
Thursday 15th January 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: Aoife
- Explorers: Denis
- Searchers: Filip
- Seekers: Dylan
- Pioneers: Alesha
- Investigators: Kyle
- Wayfarers: Merlin
- Navigators: Mya
- Creators: Willow
- Pathfinders: Riley
- Voyagers: Andrew
- Venturers: Arna
- Crusaders: Jensen
- Discoverers: Teddy

This week's Principal's Award goes to Binky (Y3), Charley-May (Y4), Ella (Y6).

This week's Best Dressed class is Pathfinders.

This week's marble winners are the YELLOW 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: Investigators

Key Stage 2: Navigators

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 89.18% this week.

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