

Parent Weekly Communication Letter - Friday 1st March 2024

Academy News

Mr Berry

As many of you may now have heard, Mr Berry will be retiring at Easter. Mr Berry has been part of the Herman team for many years and his considerable knowledge and skills will be missed by the staff and pupils. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mr Berry well for the future and I hope that he may come back to see us from time to time.

Mrs Money

We will also be saying goodbye to our longest serving member of staff at Easter, who will also be retiring. Mrs Money has worked at the academy for many years, as a member of the cleaning staff and as a Midday Supervisor. We are very sad to see her go, as she is a very valued member of the academy community.

Parents Evening Reminder

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to the Academy for Parents' Evenings. If you have not yet signed up to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment as soon as possible. It is important for us to work together to ensure your children are thriving and getting the most out of their Primary education.

After School Clubs

A reminder that there will be no after school clubs on Monday and Tuesday of next week due to Parents' Evenings taking place.

Disco

On Tuesday, we hosted our 'Express Yourself' disco to support Children's Mental Health week. The children had a fantastic time as always and we raised £700 which we will put back into enrichment opportunities for the children! Children in Years 3-6 will be watching a theatre production of The Hobbit and some of the funds from the disco will be used to pay for this.

Reception Phonics Cafe

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the phonics workshop on Thursday. It was great to see so many people able to attend and find out more about the Little Wandle Phonics and Early Reading Scheme. If you were unable to join us, but would like a copy of the slides, please contact the academy office and we can send these out to you.

Reception Learning Cafes

Our Reception classes will be hosting more Learning Cafes this month.

- Wednesday 13th March 2024, 8.30am: Mark Making / Writing Focus.
- Tuesday 26th March 2024, 8.30am: Easter Activities.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

Year 5 / 6 Girls Football Event

On Thursday, a group of girls from Years 5 and 6 visited East Norfolk Sixth Form College for a Girls' Football tournament. The girls competed against several local schools and had a brilliant time. They placed 2nd overall and will now go through to the semifinals. Well done girls!

Year 3 / 4 Girls Football Event

On Friday 8th March 2024, a group of girls from Years 3 and 4 will be visiting East Norfolk Sixth Form

College for a Girls Football tournament. Letters have been sent out. We are hoping for another great result – good luck girls!

Class Photographs

On Tuesday 5th March 2024, Tempest Photography will be back in the Academy to take our class photographs. As always, please ensure that your children are in full and smart academy uniform. All children will be included in these photographs unless indicated otherwise. Thank you for your support with this.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March 2024, we will be celebrating World Book Day and our theme this year is Harry Potter! Please refer to the previous letter sent out about this regarding dressing up.

There will also be a special themed menu on this day of sausage rolls, wedges, vegetables, and chocolate brownie.

We are looking forward to a magical day that the children will remember for a long time.

Crazy Hair Day for Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March 2024, we will be supporting Comic Relief. We are inviting children to come into school with 'Crazy Hair' on this day in return for a small donation if you are able. Red noses will be available to purchase from the Academy Office from Monday 11th March 2024.

Diary Dates

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March 2024: Parents' Evening.

Tuesday 5th March 2024: Class Photographs.

Thursday 7th March 2024: World Book Day – Harry Potter theme.

Friday 8th March 2024: Y3/Y4 Girls Football at ENSFC for selected pupils.

Tuesday 12th March 2024: Ormiston's Got Talent Regional Finals.

Thursday 14th March 2024: OAT Annual Awards.

Friday 15th March 2024: Comic Relief.

Wednesday 20th March 2024: Easter Fayre.

Thursday 21st March 2024: M&M Theatrical Productions Performance of The Hobbit for Years 3 to 6.

Monday 25th - 27th March 2024: Year 4 Horstead Residential.

Tuesday 26th March 2024: Wear something purple for Young Epilepsy Day.

Thursday 28th March 2024: Academy closes for Easter Break.

Monday 15th April 2024: Academy reopens for Summer Term 1.

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: Jackson
- Explorers: Zeynap
- Searchers: Ellie
- Seekers: Reuben
- Pioneers: Theo
- Investigators: Oliver
- Wayfarers: Freddie
- Navigators: Daisy
- Creators: Dillon
- Pathfinders: Cody
- Voyagers: Lily
- Venturers: Keira
- Crusaders: Jesse-Boyi
- Discoverers: Marley

This week's Best Dressed classes are Seekers and Creators!!

This week's Principal Award goes to Joey (Y1), Layla (Y2), Austyn (Y3), Ninitan (Y4), Niloksha (Y6), Noah (Y6).

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: Searchers

Key Stage 2: Pathfinders

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 95.36% this week.

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

Community News

As you may know, we are keen to support Young Epilepsy and the work they do. We have some children in our Academy who have this condition and we are committed to helping them raise the profile of this charity. The 26th March is Young Epilepsy Awareness Purple Day. They are holding a t-shirt design competition . Please click on the link below for more details.

[Design a Tshirt \(1\).pdf](#)