

Parent Weekly Communication Letter – Thursday 28th March 2024

Academy News

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been a short term, but a busy one with many highlights.

The Year 4 children enjoyed another successful Horstead trip, and their behaviour was overwhelmingly good, although I think that they will also have appreciated a good night's sleep when they got back!

We do try to share as many photos as we can, but please remember that the staff are incredibly busy on these days and are taking photos when they are able. We hope you enjoyed the ones that we shared with you.

We have said goodbye to two long serving members of staff this term, who have moved into retirement. Mr Berry and Mrs Money worked with us for many years, and I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them a long and happy retirement.

I was pleased to be able to join Mrs Freel at the Grand Hotel in Birmingham when she received her Diversity and Inclusion award this month. Mrs Freel was a very worthy winner having led the Lifting Limits Campaign and the Careers Mark for the Academy.

We had yet another fantastic World Book Day and I have to thank our team for their efforts in recreating Hogwarts at Herman. Thank you for supporting us with this by sending the children in a range of amazing costumes. The children really enjoyed the day and some of them are still trying to work out how I managed to turn the floating candles on in the Great Hall with just a flick of my wand!

Clubs have continued to be hugely popular this term. We try to offer as many as possible and we are one of the few schools that is still able to offer these at no cost to the children. We are aware that due to a very short term, some of the children have not had many sessions. They are welcome to apply again for the Summer Term.

I would like to remind you of the letter that I sent out regarding the changes to Homework after the Easter break. Please do speak to your child's teacher at pick up time if you have any questions.

As per my previous communications, children are welcome, but not obliged, to wear summer uniform from after the Easter break. Let's hope for some better weather to come soon!

As in previous years, we were keen to support the Young Epilepsy charity, as we have some pupils who suffer with the condition. Through your kindness, we will be sending a donation to them to help them continue raising awareness of this condition.

I would like to wish you a happy holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April.

Diary Dates

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

Friday 19th April 2024: Voyagers Swimming.

Monday 22nd April 2024: Earth Day.

Thursday 25th April 2024: Mental Health Support Team Parent Drop In.

Friday 26th April 2024: Voyagers Swimming.

Monday 29th April 2024: Y5 Time and Tide Museum.

Friday 3rd May: Venturers Swimming.

Monday 13th - 16th May 2024: Y6 SATS.

Thursday 16th May 2024: Disco.

Friday 24th May 2024: Academy closes for May Half Term.

Monday 3rd June 2024: Academy reopens for Summer 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.

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: Jax
- Explorers: Denis
- Searchers: Raiden
- Seekers: Rayyan
- Pioneers: Leo
- Investigators: Holly
- Wayfarers: Noah
- Navigators: Isabella
- Creators: The whole class!
- Pathfinders: The whole class!
- Voyagers: William
- Venturers: Kingsley
- Crusaders: Ellie-Mai
- Discoverers: Ava

Attendance

The winners of the Spring Term Attendance awards are Aarush from Year 1 and Olivia from Year 4. Both children will receive a £50 Amazon Voucher and an Easter Egg!