

## Parent Communication Letter - Friday 15 November 2024.

### Academy News

#### **Mrs Milham**

After many, many years at Herman, our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Milham, has decided it is time to retire. I know that many of you will be sad to hear this as Mrs Milham has helped and supported many of our families and children over the years. Mrs Milham will be leaving us at Christmas.

This week, we appointed Mrs Claire Norton to take over the role. Some of you will remember her from her previous role in our Nursery. Mrs Norton will be working alongside Mrs Milham from Monday 2 December until the end of term, so please say hello if you see her. I am sure many of you will want to pass on your best wishes to Mrs Milham before she leaves at the end of term.

#### **Tesco Donation**

This week we received a huge donation of uniform from Tesco. We were overwhelmed by their generosity. We will be selling these brand-new items for a very small amount at our Christmas Fayre. There will be a limit on the amount of uniform that you can purchase, so that as many families as possible can benefit from the opportunity to purchase new uniform at a fraction of the amount of what it would have cost to purchase them instore. Uniform sizes will range up to age 16, so you may wish to purchase items for your older children as well. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 12 December.

#### **PE Kits**

We are having quite a lot of children borrowing PE kit on a regular basis. Please can I politely remind you that it is a requirement that every child has a PE kit in school each week. If you are struggling with the cost of purchasing kit, please have a discrete word with Mrs Milham or one of the ladies in the office and we will try to help.

#### **Children In Need**

On Friday 15 November, we raised a fantastic £330 for Children in Need! Thank you so much for your generosity.

### Community News

#### **Elf to the Elderly**

Lydia Eva are Launching their Elf to the Elderly campaign. The team at Lydia Eva are asking for donations of wrapped gifts for their residents for Christmas. Gift recommendations include toiletries, socks, slippers or a blanket (but anything would be very much appreciated) - please then wrap the gift and indicate if it is for a male or female and deliver the gift to Lydia Eva Court ready for Christmas.

### Diary Dates

- Wednesday 20 November: Reception 2025-26 Open Evening.
- Thursday 21 November: Class Photographs.
- Friday 22 November: Flu Immunisation Day 1.
- Friday 6 December: Flu Immunisation Day 2.
- Friday 6 November: Non-uniform Day.
- Monday 16 December: Y3 Time and Tide Trip.
- Friday 20 December: Last Day of Autumn 2.
- Monday 6 January: First Day of Spring Term 1.

## Christmas at Herman

### **Christmas Crafts Workshops**

In December, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Academy for special Christmas Craft workshops. Dates are as follows:

- 03/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Year 4 - 2.00pm.
- 04/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Reception & Nursery AM - 8.30am.
- 04/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Nursery PM - 2.00pm.
- 04/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Year 3 - 2.00pm.
- 05/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Year 2 - 2.00pm.
- 09/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Year 1 - 2.00pm.
- 11/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Year 6 - 2.00pm.
- 12/12/24 Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Year 5 - 8.45am.

### **Other Christmas Dates**

- 22/11/24 Choir Singing at the Minster Christmas Fayre.
- 29/11/24 Christmas Decorations - 1.00pm.
- 03/12/24 Sounds 4 Christmas at the Drill Hall - 6.00pm.
- 10/12/24 YEAR 1 & 2 Christmas Production - 9.15am and 2.00pm.
- 11/12/24 NURSERY & RECEPTION Christmas Production - 9.00am and 2.00pm.
- 12/12/24 Christmas Jumper Day.
- 12/12/24 Christmas Fayre - 2.00pm.
- 17/12/24 Christmas at the Church YEAR 3 & 4 – 9.30am.
- 17/12/24 Christmas at the Church YEAR 5 & 6 - 1.30pm.
- 19/12/24 Christmas Dinner and Party Clothes Day.

## 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: Kendrick
- Explorers: Zachary
- Searchers: Oliver
- Seekers: Olivia-Rose
- Pioneers: Darcy
- Investigators: Holly
- Wayfarers: Gabriel
- Navigators: Darcie
- Creators: Isabella
- Pathfinders: Emily
- Voyagers: Lija
- Venturers: Dani
- Crusaders: Archie
- Discoverers: Ellen

This week's Principal's Award goes to Archie (Y1), Finley (Y1), Olivia (Y3), Skye (Y4), Ninitan (Y5), Rosie (Y6), Emily (Y6).

This week's winning marble colour was YELLOW.

### **Attendance**

The Autumn Term Attendance Prize will be a Tablet! There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Summer 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: Pioneers

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 93.84% this week.

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