**Parent Communication Letter** **- Friday 17 January 2025.**

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| **Academy News**  **Year 6 Visit to Lydia Eva**  On Friday 17th January, Year 6 children visited Lydia Eva Residential Home to take part in two activities with the residents. During the first activity, the children and residents designed a jungle setting as part of a competition run by the National Art Gallery. For the second activity, the children and residents created puppets for the Freshly Greated ‘Glow Your Own Way’ event on Saturday. The children enjoyed spending time with the residents and working together on their projects.  **Freshly Greated**  We are pleased to be hosting the Freshly Greated ‘Glow Your Own Way 2025’ free family day drop-in session on Saturday 18th January 10.00am to 1.00pm here at the Academy.  **Little Fledglings**  On Tuesday 21st January Mrs Norton, Family Liaison Officer, will be hosting our first Baby and Toddler group here at the Academy from 8.45am to 10.15am. Mrs Upton, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will also attend some of the sessions. Both members of staff will be on hand if you have any questions for them. The sessions are free of charge and there will be a range of activities as well as tea, coffee and biscuits provided, as well as squash for your little one, if you so wish.  **Uniform Reminder**  A polite reminder that children should be wearing dark-coloured socks, i.e. black, navy or grey. Brightly coloured socks are not part of academy uniform. |
| **Diary Dates**   * Saturday 18 January: Freshly Greated Family Fun Day. * Monday 27 January: National Story Telling Week. * Wednesday 29 January: Y4 Horstead Parent / Carer meeting. * Wednesday 5 February: Nursery Parents’ Evening * Thursday 6 February: Nursery Parents’ Evening. * Tuesday 11 February: Safer Internet Day. * Wednesday 12 February: Book Fair. * Thursday 13 February: Y6 SATS Parent / Carer meeting. * Friday 14 February: Last Day of Spring Term 1 * Monday 24 February: Academy Closed for Staff Training. * Tuesday 25 February: First Day of Spring Term 2. |
| **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: Silvio * Explorers: Joanne * Searchers: Cyntia * Seekers: Jocelyn * Pioneers: Farlie-Ellice * Investigators: Georgina * Wayfarers: Ruby * Navigators: Amayah * Creators: Kaelan * Pathfinders: Eli * Voyagers: Jezreel * Venturers: Eva * Crusaders: El * Discoverers: Kingsley   This week’s Principal Award goes to Freddie (Y1), Freddie (Y3), Fae (Year 5).  This week’s Best Dressed class is Seekers!  This week’s winning marble colour is the YELLOW team! |
| **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: Seekers  Key Stage 2: Crusaders  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 93.63% this week.  Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities. |