**Parent Communication Letter** **- Friday 24 January 2025.**

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| **Academy News**  **Little Fledglings**  Our first Little Fledglings session was a big success, and we are so grateful to all the parents and carers who supported us and brought their babies and toddlers to the group. Sessions are held at the Academy on Tuesdays, 8.45am to 10.15am – all welcome. Please note that these sessions are free, and refreshments are available.  **Glow Your Own Way**  A reminder that the Freshly Greated ‘Glow Your Own Way’ event will be held on Magdalen Way from 4.30pm on Saturday 25 January. Please follow this link for further details:  <https://www.freshlygreated.org.uk/events/gyow-2025>  **Horstead Parent Meeting**  A reminder that the Horstead parent meeting will be held straight after school on Wednesday 29January. The meeting is an opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about the residential trip and ask any questions they may have.  **Chinese New Year Meal**  In order to celebrate the start of the Chinese / Lunar New Year, there will be a special Chinese New Year meal available at lunch time on Thursday 30 January. Please note that jacket potatoes will also be available. The meal will include sweet and sour chicken (or veggie) balls with sunny rice and ice cream with a caramelized banana topping for pudding.  **‘Pal-entines’ Disco!**  On Thursday 6 February, we will be hosting a ‘Pal-entines’ disco for children in Years 1 to 6. Year 1, 2, 3 will be 4.15pm to 5.30pm and Year 4, 5, 6 will be 5.45pm to 7.00pm. Tickets are available on School Money, at a cost of £2.50 each. There will be drinks and snacks available on the evening, therefore children may bring a pound to purchase these.  **Punctuality**  A reminder that children should be seated and ready to learn by 8.50am. The doors close at 8.45am so if your child arrives later than this then they will be registered as late. Children arriving after 8.45am will have to access the building via the main office. Please note that children who arrive late miss the opportunity to complete morning challenges and reading as well as their breakfast toast.  **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**   * Monday 27 January: National Story Telling Week. * Wednesday 29 January: Chinese New Year starts. * Wednesday 29 January: Y2 Gymnastics for selected pupils. * 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: Asher * Explorers: Gianna * Searchers: Chantelle * Seekers: Juaan * Pioneers: Imogen-Rose * Investigators: Tabitha * Wayfarers: Leo Cl. * Navigators: Freddie * Creators: Sophie * Pathfinders: Freddie * Voyagers: Ninitan * Venturers: Angel * Crusaders: Rosie * Discoverers: Sophia   This week’s Principal Award goes to Lyla (Y1), Diona (Y2), Amazing-Grace (Y3), Millie (Y4), Bobbi (Y5), El (Y6), David (Y6).  This week’s Best Dressed class is Discoverers!  This week’s winning marble colour is the GREEN 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: No winners this week.  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 92.93% this week.  Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities. |