



## Message from the Academy

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, may I thank you for your support and patience with face coverings and arrangements for Christmas celebrations. This is another year, that I thought would not pan out like this, however, we have to be sensible in order to protect our children and staff. Our aim is to do everything we can to keep our staff healthy and able to have a rest at Christmas, so they can continue to provide a high-quality education for your children.

Some exciting changes coming our way at Emneth School:

- Two new class sets of ipads in charging trolleys
- English resources across the school to support writing, plus new reading books
- New curriculum online content to help our children to broaden their horizons

We are pleased to see our children enjoying lunch in the hall now, in two sittings. I hope this can continue and we are not put back into bubbles! As we move into rehearsing and recording our Christmas events for you, we hope you all stay happy and healthy.

**Take care, Elaine Huntington, Principal**

## Attendance

*There are 190 school days per year, leaving 175 free for other activities. Please do not allow your child to miss important days of learning unless it is absolutely necessary. Our aim this year is to exceed 97% attendance. Our attendance procedures can be found on our website.*

***Please be aware that the local authority may fine for unauthorised leave.***

*November Attendance 93%*

*Year to date attendance 92%*

*Can we please ask that children arrive on time?*

*Late arrivals will cause disruption in the class. Many thanks.*

Class R	91%
Class 1	92%
Class 2	97%
Class 3	90%
Class 4	91%
Class 5	95%
Class 6	92%

***Well done Class 2!***

### Dates for your diary

6<sup>th</sup> December  
Craft afternoon – non  
uniform

10<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper Day  
- Just for fun, no  
donations

15<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch  
Children can wear  
Christmas Jumpers

16<sup>th</sup> December  
Bag collections

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Last day at school

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
INSET day

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Children back in school

31<sup>st</sup> January 2022  
Year 5 and 6 Bikeabilty  
Details to follow



## Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations, between us we raised £204.76

## Did you know?

Emneth Academy is part of the Eastern Multi Academy Trust, we are one of 14 schools within the Trust.

## Academy Council

If you wish to contact our Chair of the Academy Council, you can do this via the School Office.

## Morrison Tokens

Thank you so much for donating your tokens to the school, we raised over 2000 tokens allowing us to order some bug hotels for the forest area, salad and vegetable seeds for the children to grow. Plus, wild flower seeds and herb garden seeds for the children to set and tend to.

## Bag Collections

Please bring in your bags of clothes etc for recycling, on the morning of **16<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be one collection. Bags can be left under the front porch of the school – Many thanks.

## Christmas Cards

Children can bring in Christmas cards and put in the post boxes in school – the cards will be distributed to the classes in the last week. Please put names and class on the envelope. Many thanks

# Year 2 Focus

Class 2 have had a brilliant term so far. We have been busy learning about looking after our planet and made a forest of promises. We have also been learning about directions using an eight-point compass and drawing our own maps and we have learnt the notes B, A, G and E on the recorder. We have even got stick insects as our own class pets!

Our teaching of reading has changed due to the teaching of Little Wandle letters and sounds being revised so we now have phonics reading groups. We have three reading sessions a week. On the first day we focus on decoding the book, the second we look at prosody and the third session is based on comprehension. The children have progressed over the term and are really enjoying reading with expression.

In our maths lessons, the children have been exploring adding and subtracting two-digit numbers with one-digit number and two two-digit numbers using column addition and subtraction. We have been looking at comparing, adding, subtracting and finding the change using money. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be looking at multiplication and division using our 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.



School Councillors



Giving directions



Eco-School Councillors

Over this term we have enjoyed many experiences including:



World Fitness Day



Making Ancient Egyptian Pottery



Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week



Harvest Assembly

We can't wait to continue these amazing experiences in Spring 1!