



# Emneth Academy

Newsletter  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Message from the Academy

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I trust you have had a fun festive season and enjoyed some great times with family and friends.

As we hear of the continuing spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, we appreciate all that is dear to us. We enjoy the face to face contact we can have with our immediate families and are all aware of the great care we now need to ensure we continue to take to protect everyone. There is a letter for parents from our Trust coming to you soon.

This term, as things stand, we will not be having visitors in school unless absolutely necessary for the health and safety of all concerned, so any meetings with parents will have to be virtual, via Teams, Zoom or a phone call. The staff are still available for contact via Dojo so please do stay in touch. At the end of the day on pick-up times, you can still speak with your child's class teacher for mini catch ups, but please remember to wear your mask and distance where you can. I hope this next stage does not last too long.

Our children have all come back to school looking really smart, mature and with a great attitude. We have been delighted with how the term has started. Our staff have been busily preparing plans for the term and we are using some new resources too, which I hope will continue to enthuse our children. Keep yourselves safe and warm over the coming weeks and we look forward to spring springing! 😊

**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.***

*December Attendance 93.6%*

*Year to date attendance 93.7%*

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

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

### Dates for your diary

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Norse Special Lunch  
(Details to follow)

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

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February  
2022  
Half term

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
Last day at School

19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
INSET day

20<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Children back in school

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022  
Bank Holiday

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022  
Half term

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022  
Last day at School

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



## Did you know?

Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare January 1<sup>st</sup> a national holiday.

## Academy Council

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

## Covid update

As you are all aware, guidance is changing daily to do with Covid. To help us to keep pupils and staff safe and school open. We ask that:

- You continue to wear face masks when on site at all times.
- You continue to wear face masks when entering school – only if your visit is essential
- If your child has any symptoms, please book a PCR test and report the result to school.

## Promoting Healthy Snacks

You will be aware of the need to lead a healthy lifestyle and that the government are driving several initiatives to achieve this.

We would like your support in our 'healthy snack/healthy lunch' campaign.

Fruit or a cereal bar, or a savoury snack may be brought in for playtimes but we hope you will encourage your child to have just fruit.

Please do not send in fizzy drinks or any items of confectionary or biscuits/cakes totally covered in chocolate.

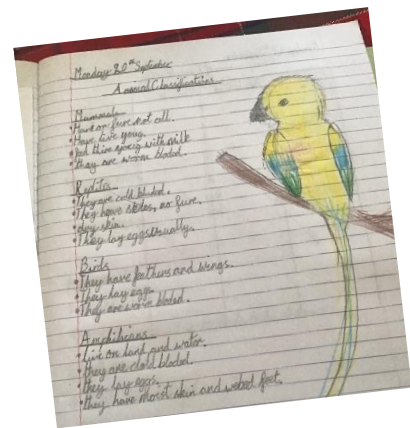
# Year 4 Focus

What an amazing Autumn 2 term we had as a class; the children completed some fantastic learning through their own love of learning.

We elected new school councillors and ECO councillors to represent our class. As a class we have taken on a whole class role with the Eco Award we are hoping for the school to be awarded with in the Summer or Autumn term. We have some events planned to develop this as a whole school going forward this term, this includes the planting of trees and a hedge around the garden area, more details to follow.



In English we finished our book *The Butterfly Lion*, we wrote some great descriptions of the characters in the book and a persuasive argument as to whether the main character Bertie should keep the Lion cub or allow his dad to send it to the circus. The children wrote some very emotional arguments giving their opinions and feelings. Using this book we created some fantastic pieces of art and design, we sketched and used different papers to make a lions head, we also made a cross stitch lion which we made into calendars for Christmas.



In science we were learning about the animal kingdom and where creatures lived and how they could adapt to their environments.

