



## Message from the Academy

There's a definite 'spring' in our step this week as we prepare for an Easter break and finish off the term with this lovely weather! We have lots to be proud of and to look forward to as we gradually get back to more social contact and traditional activities. Our Dancers from key stage 2 were magnificent on the stage in Kings Lynn last week, making themselves proud as well as being amazing advocates for our school. I was so proud to hear that their behaviour stood out amongst other school and they enjoyed their moment of stardom – thank you to Miss Skate and Miss Orviss for training them well and taking them.

Our sports clubs continue as well as PE lessons now moving more outside. In addition, Miss Hazel has started to organise getting the large planters filled and seeded – thank you for the donation of soil from a kind family. We are also working on plans to develop our outdoor areas, in particular, our forest school. We have staff about to embark on training and our grounds lend themselves to some superb outdoor learning – watch this space.

In the classrooms, we have seen continued improvements. Our staff work tremendously hard and this term has been no exception. With a range of illnesses hitting both staff and pupils, it is difficult to keep things going with any consistency but the staff are doing a great job. I hope that the summer term will bring better health all round so we can improve our attendance and therefore increase the standards our children can achieve.

Next term will see our residential programme re-start, with Year 3 and 4 going to Butlins in Skegness; this brings back fond memories of when I was in primary school! Our top 20! activities are still being planned and we hope to achieve many of them this year, albeit on a slightly reduced scale.

I am working hard on our staffing structure for September and will inform parents when this is finalised. Mrs Norman will be returning towards the end of the summer term to support the existing staff.

As we contemplate the summer term, please could parents be mindful that a good routine of bedtime, up in time for breakfast and a prompt arrival at school is essential, especially during May when we will be carrying out statutory tests with pupils in Year 6 and Y2, plus the children in Year 1 will be doing their phonic checks. In addition, this will be the first year that year 4 pupils take the national times-tables tests – keep practising with your TT Rockstar app! These are important times, but are carried out with the right preparation and support and our children will be carefully supported to ensure their self-esteem and confidence levels are high.

Finally, we hope to be putting on more workshops for parents to find out about and get involved in your children's learning - more on this next term.

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.*

**March Attendance 91.0%**

**Year to date attendance 93.4%**

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

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

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| Class R | 88.5% |
| Class 1 | 94.8% |
| Class 2 | 92.9% |
| Class 3 | 86.7% |
| Class 4 | 89.2% |
| Class 5 | 94.4% |
| Class 6 | 92.5% |

**Well done class 1 for your attendance during March!**

### Dates for your diary

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Last day at School

20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

INSET day (closed to children)

21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Children back in school

21<sup>st</sup> April

Year R, Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision check

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Bank Holiday

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Year 6 SATS

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Year 3 and 4 Residential

20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Class Photos

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Top 20 trip

Further details to follow

27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Platinum Jubilee Day  
Further details to follow

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

Half term

w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Sports Week

29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Sports Day

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Last day at School

5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Children back in school



## Did you know?

Dogs' hearing is 10 times better than a human's.

Dogs can smell 100,000 times better than humans.

## Poppy Appeal

We have received notification from the Royal British Legion that we collected £147.36 for 20/21 Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks.

## Red Nose Day

Thank you for your kind donations. Between us we raised £211.78 for this worthy cause.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs start w/c 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and will run until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

## Sports Week

W/C 27<sup>th</sup> June we are having sports week in school – more details will follow.

## Sports Day

We are hoping to hold sports day this year on 29<sup>th</sup> June. We will send you more details once it's been arranged.

## Swimming

Year 5 – Swimming will start week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> April until 24<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 – Swimming will start week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June until 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Inspirational thought:

**“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” —Eleanor Roosevelt**

# Academy Council

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

## What's been happening at Emneth

A group of our talented Y5/Y6 children, performed in the West Norfolk SSP Dance Festival, held at the Alive Kings Lynn Corn Exchange on Tuesday 22nd March.

The theme for the amazing event was 'Colours'.

Our children performed a high tempo dance to 'Someone to You' by Banners.

The children were fantastic, we are so proud of them for their performance and outstanding behaviour.

We had a surprise visit from Bobby Copping and Peter Burrow ( the club mascot) from Peterborough United FC on Friday 18th March. The children and staff really enjoyed a fun filled assembly.

Each pupil will soon receive 1 free adult and 1 free child ticket to go to Peterborough FC to watch an upcoming match.

Further details to follow....



Please see below link to our Go Fund me page to help support people in the Ukraine. If you are able to help, please do. Many thanks

<https://gofund.me/51a81b6c>

## Promoting Healthy Eating in School

As part of our promoting healthy eating in school, as from the Summer Term (after Easter), we would like to encourage you to think of alternatives to sending in cakes and sweets for birthdays. Since COVID measures came in, we have not been allowing cakes to be handed out and will be continuing this practice, including not handing out sweets. Children could be encouraged to buy a book to bring in for the class as an alternative, which could be signed by the child whose birthday it is as a lasting gift to the class. Of course, this is up to you; you might be more creative, and you are welcome to give out cakes to your child's friends outside of school time. Many thanks for your support.

## Spare Clothes

Can we please ask that if we send your child home in clean clothes because they have had an accident, that you send the clothes back washed.

We are running out of spare clothes in school because we haven't had them returned. Many thanks for your help.