



# Emneth Academy

Newsletter  
September 2022



Dear Parents,

Thank you for the lovely welcome back to school and the very calm, supportive way in which you continue to support your children. Every class has reported a great start to the term; Miss Sugden is already enjoying teaching Year 2 and Mrs Baker is working so well with our new reception children super stars!

You may be aware but all classes are now housed in the main building so no worries about coming to assembly or the hall in the rain! Our staff have worked so hard over the summer, to get the rooms looking fabulous. Our new site manager has started with us this week and we welcome Mr Michael Kok to the staff team. The new caterers have made a great start to their contract; any feedback is welcome but we have seen the children enjoying the meals in school. The caterers will hopefully be in the hall during parents' consultations in October to give you chance to taste and experience the food yourselves.

Please do continue to keep in touch with the staff via class Dojo – let us know if you are having any issues as this is a really important app we use to keep in touch with you.

You will see dates today, for the term, on this newsletter. Very soon, we will send the rest of the year, but please be mindful that sometimes, dates do need to change as things happen outside of our control.

We will have a greater focus this year on energy use and recycling; naturally, like any household or other businesses, we have experienced rising energy bills, so our budget is very tight. In addition, any teacher pay awards are not funded by the government and have to be found from school budgets. Getting our children on board with making the most of every resource we have, saving energy and recycling/re-using where we can, could save us a lot of money. It is also good for the planet! 😊 We will be composting fruit waste and will be swapping one of our black bin waste bins for a recycling one, to encourage us to cut down on waste.

Reading will remain a focus to enable our children to become confident, fluent readers to give them an insight into every area of the curriculum as well as helping them to read for pleasure and relaxation.

Our Friends of School Association is still getting off the ground – watch this space for activities coming up. We are trying to spread out events, dates and fund raising so we don't ask too much of you at any one time. Many of the events will support our recycling theme too. Please support these ventures so that we can put money back into the school to support those little extras for our children. More information will follow regarding events.

Finally, I hope you are all dealing well with the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth as we shared in the celebration of her life, but by the very dignified state funeral that she deserved. This has been a time of reflection for us all and an enormous landmark in the history of our country. We have planted a rose in the Queen's memory in the school grounds (kindly donated by the Gowler family) and will be creating a contemplation, sensory garden to look after it. Take care, Elaine Huntington, Executive Principal

## Attendance

Emneth Academy adopts the Emat Trust attendance policy and we want to do our best for all young people and we believe that regular attendance at the Academy is vital for children as it promotes good learning, positive attitudes and maintains continuity in their education and in their friendships.

Students should be at the Academy on time every day the Academy is open unless the reason is unavoidable. Permitting absence from the Academy without a good reason is an offence by a parent.

The Academy will endeavour to provide an environment where all pupils feel valued and welcome. For a child to reach his/her full educational achievement, a high level of education attendance is essential.

We will consistently work towards a goal of 100% attendance for all children. We will report our attendance on our newsletters monthly. We hope that parents/pupils will work with us to support the children.

Thank you for your support.

## Dates for your diary

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Year R children start full time
20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Year 5 Bikeability
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	National Fitness Day – activities in school
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	McMillan Coffee Afternoon – details to follow
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School photos. Family photos with siblings at 8.30 am
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Mental Health Awareness – Children to wear something yellow, no donations needed.
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30 – 5.30 Parent Consultations – Appointments will be arranged nearer the time via class Dojo – We are hoping at Aspens, the catering company, will be attending with samples for you to try.
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30 – 7.00 Parent Consultations – Appointments will be arranged nearer the time via class Dojo - We are hoping at Aspens, the catering company, will be attending with samples for you to try.
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Whole school – Flu immunisation – details to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Service – donations for food bank
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	INSET day – Training for staff, school closed to children
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Children back in school
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Year 6 Heights and Measures – details to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service – Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 residential
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in need – Non-Uniform
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisation – follow up
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Craft Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term
<b>JANUARY</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	INSET day
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back in school

## Aspens Catering

This term we welcome our new catering company, Aspens. Our original cooks have moved over to work with Aspens.

As you can see the food looks amazing, we have had some positive feedback from both children and staff.

We appreciate the system is different for parents, but can we please remind you to pre-order the meals for children, this can be done daily, weekly or longer! Payments for lunches will also need to be made on this system. The first week went amazingly, thank you for your support.

