

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy term and lots of fun events! Not least of which was our Macmillan Cake sale organised by Mrs Hazel and Year 4 and so well supported by you all. In addition, again a project run by Mrs Hazel, we have been awarded a Green Flag for our eco schools work! Thank you all and well done all round!

We have also had a whole school review, carried out by our Trust School Improvement Directors and had some great feedback. We had already identified areas for further development and there were no surprises on what they found, which is great for the staff team. I would like to share some brief headlines:

- Children are happy to come to school, are engaged in their lessons, work hard and are confident to ask for help and speak to staff if they have a concern
- PE is a real strength and compliments the personal development and care our children receive
- There are clear procedures in place to safeguard our children and the school
- The curriculum has been reviewed and long term plans set out a clear pathway with appropriate sequences of learning; the academy council challenges leaders and supports by monitoring visits
- The leadership in the school is strong; values are shared with the whole community and there are robust systems in place to monitor and feedback on teaching and learning - there is a real team feel in school!
- Pupil voice is positive and shows they understand the Ready, Respectful and Safe slogan
- Parents are very supportive of the school; they engage well with school staff and are happy their children come to school here, our children are great at supporting each other, old and young working well together
- The new schemes in phonics and writing are having a big impact on standards and are enjoyed by the children
- Everyone is positive about the clubs on offer and the PE trips/events.

We will continue to tweak our practices, with continued development in place in SEND and the Curriculum, and ensuring transition times are just as orderly as lessons. We are also exploring the idea of a breakfast club, working with the Nursery to see if we can offer a joint provision – more on this later.

After half term, we will be having our 'bring your parent to school' sessions, parent drop-ins and workshops, starting with esafety. We are also thrilled at how well the Friends' Association, FOSA is going and look forward to upcoming events. We are working on more events and activities to help you to engage more with school and learning.

Thank you for your on-going support and superb attitude – this seen through your children too.

We are all ready for a well-earned half term break – enjoy!

Take care, Elaine Huntington, Executive 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.

September Attendance 96.7%%

Year to date attendance 96.7%

Can we please ask that children arrive on time? Late arrivals will cause disruption in class. Many thanks.

Class R	97.5%
Class 1	97.2%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	98.2%
Class 4	96.9%
Class 5	95.8%
Class 6	95.1%

Well done class 3 for your attendance during September!

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER	
17 th Oct	3.30 – 5.30 Parent Consultations – Appointments will be arranged nearer the time via class Dojo –Aspens, the catering company, will be attending with samples for you to try.
19 th Oct	3.30 – 7.00 Parent Consultations – Appointments will be arranged nearer the time via class Dojo - Aspens, the catering company, will be attending with samples for you to try.
19 th Oct	Whole school – Flu immunisation – Please remember to book your child in for the flu immunisation program, or opt out on line – information has been previously sent
19 th Oct	Closing date for Governor nominations
20 th Oct	Harvest Service – <u>donations for food bank, please send in donations during the morning for the food bank.</u> Any dry, packet or tinned items would be great. Thank you.
21 st Oct	INSET day – Training for staff, school closed to children
24 th – 28 th Oct	Half term
31 st Oct	Children back in school
31 st Oct	Year R parents are invited into class to see the children 2.30 – 3.15
NOVEMBER	
1 st Nov	Year 3 and 4 parents are invited into class 8.50 – 9.30
2 nd Nov	Year 1 and 2 parents are invited into class 8.50 – 9.30
2 nd Nov	Year 6 Heights and Measures – details to follow
3 rd Nov	Year 5 and 6 parents are invited into class 8.50 – 9.30
3 rd Nov	Whizz Bang Sparkle Meal – FOSA non uniform day - £1 donation suggested.
11 th Nov	Remembrance Service – Assembly
14 th – 16 th Nov	Year 6 residential
18 th Nov	Children in need – Non-Uniform – We are not accepting donations in school this time, but if you wish to donate to this great cause please follow the link Donate to BBC Children in Need https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk
28 th Nov	Flu immunisation – follow up
DECEMBER	
1 st Dec	Christmas Craft Day
9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
15 th Dec	Disco – KS1 4.30 – 5.30, KS2 6-7 – details to follow
16 th Dec	Last day of term
JANUARY	
3 rd Jan	INSET day
4 th Jan	Children back in school



Thank you Mr and Mrs Gowler for the kind donation of our Queen Elizabeth Rose. Some of the children attended the planting in the our garden at the back of the school.

Reminders:

- Please remember to park safely near the school respect our neighbours. Please do not block their driveways or access to the Academy.
- School finishes at 3.15, please arrive on time to collect children. Staff are not always available to sit with children until they are picked up. On the odd occasion if you are unable to make 3.15 pick up, please notify the school office in advance.
- School starts at 8.50 am, gates are open from 8.40 am for you to drop off.
- We have an increasing amount of uniform coming into school that isn't named. Can we please remind you to label all clothes.
- Can we please remind you not to bring dogs on the school site, we have some children and parents that may be afraid of, or allergic to dogs.

Christmas Performances

- Monday 5th December – 10.00 am KS2 performance – class 6 and 4 parents will be invited.
- Monday 5th December – 2.00 pm KS1 performance – class R and half of Year 2 parents will be invited.
- Wednesday 7th December – 10.00 am KS2 performance – Class 5 and 3 parents will be invited.
- Wednesday 7th December – 2.00 pm KS1 performance – class 1 and half of class 2 parents to be invited.

- You will be allocated 4 tickets per family. Further information to follow.
- Performances this year will take place at the Central Hall.

Eco Award



The Eco Council wanted to raise the awareness in school as to how we could become an Eco School, so we signed up to try and gain the National Eco Schools award. The Eco Council worked extremely hard making sure that recycling was taking place in school, they went around the school and turned off lights and made sure computers and screens were off in the classrooms.

As a school we worked hard, we recycled clothes, we did the RSPB Birdwatch, we litter picked and many other activities.

All our hard work paid off we were awarded The Eco Schools Green Flag. We will be working hard again this year to gain the next level of Eco Award.

Hopefully in the next few weeks the flag will be flying high!

Big thank you to all parents and carers who have supported our Eco Award last year, more events will be organised for this year.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and attended our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. We raised £676.67 for this amazing charity. Thank you to everyone that made this happen.

Help!!

If anyone has a leaf blower they know longer need or a push along lawn mower they no longer use, if you could kindly donate it to the school we would be grateful. Please let the office know. Many thanks

FOSA

Cauliflower cards: Please return all artwork to school on 31st October for collection from Cauliflower cards, if you wish to make a purchase. All orders should be made on line as per the letter that will be sent home with your children's art work before the end of term.

Pumpkin Art Competition



Friends of Emneth Academy

PUMPKIN ART COMPETITION

A winner from each class will be announced
Monday 7th November in Assembly

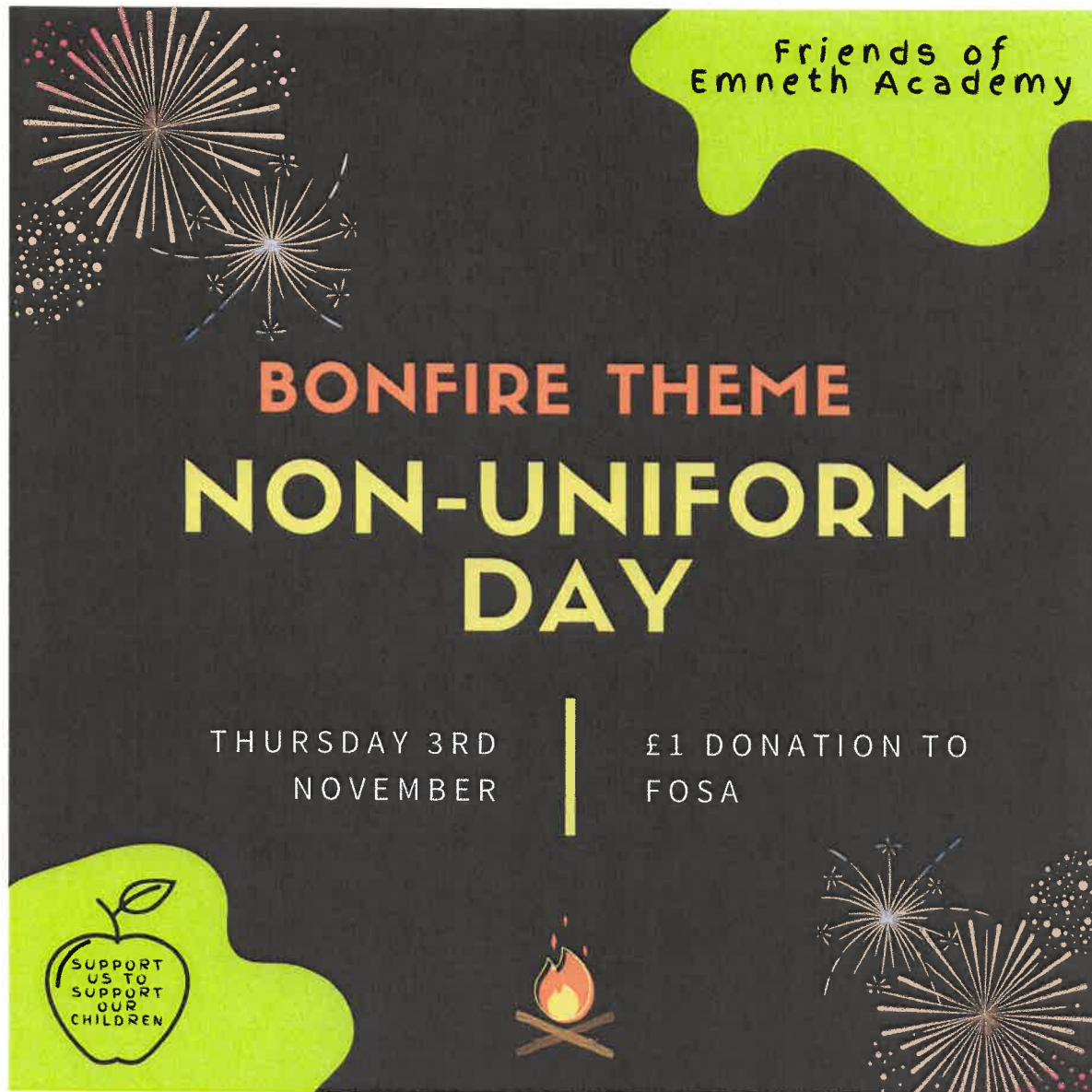
ENTRIES TO SCHOOL 31.10.22

All entries to be Judged by Mrs Huntington

Draw • Paint • Decorate

3rd November – Non Uniform

FOSA are holding a non uniform day on 3rd November to raise funds for the school. Please pay a suggested donation of £1. There will be a special lunch on that day –see attached. Please order in the usual way.



Christmas Disco

School Disco will take place on 15th December. KS1 4.30 – 5.30 and KS2 6.00 -7.00 – more details to follow.



**WHIZZ,
BANG**
Sparkle

3rd November 2022

Banger in a Roll

Cheese & Tomato
Catherine Wheel (V)

Bonfire Wedges

BBQ Beans

Rocket Lolly

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**

By Aspens