

# Emneth Academy

Newsletter  
November 2023



Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to this half term with some really positive feedback from parents and visitors. Thank you for completing the questionnaires at parent consultation evenings – these are currently being tabled. These are so positive and we are very proud of what we achieve each day and of our children. One common response was that our website is not something parents use a lot – I would urge you to have a look and access plans for your child's class, from the classes page, or each subject from the curriculum pages. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher for any further information about what is being taught or any aspect of school. To contact me, Mr Parrish or Mrs Shanks, please do so via the office; the staff there will always 'find me' if I am not at Emneth that day, and we can make appointments if needed. I continue to be very grateful for the very respectful way in which you as a parent body, conduct yourselves and the tremendous support you give to our school and children.

Our children have been very engaged in their learning; our Ocean project is now well under way – Mrs Hazel will no doubt have an update for us soon. We have 4 young runners who have made it through to the county cross country finals. Our 24 runners really did us proud at Lynnsport last week. Their manners and conduct was excellent. Year 6 had an amazing three day trip to Hilltop last week too; I have had a letter from the managing director, praising our children and their conduct – some thing that is rarely seen! Very well done Year 6, I am so proud of you and also huge thanks to Mr Bazeley-Smith, Miss Orviss and Miss Skate for giving up their time to enable such a fun and productive residential. The skills the children develop on such trips, help them to become the responsible adults we want them to be, and teach them so much about themselves.

Finally, I will be shortly sending out surveys to parents and staff as I am putting together a new strategy for mental health and well-being across the academy for both children and staff. Your views are important and I hope you will engage with this and share you views and ideas.

Advent is almost upon us, so enjoy the festive season as we gear up for some Christmas fun.

Mrs Huntington  
Executive Principal

## World Book Day - CHANGE of DATE – 6<sup>th</sup> March

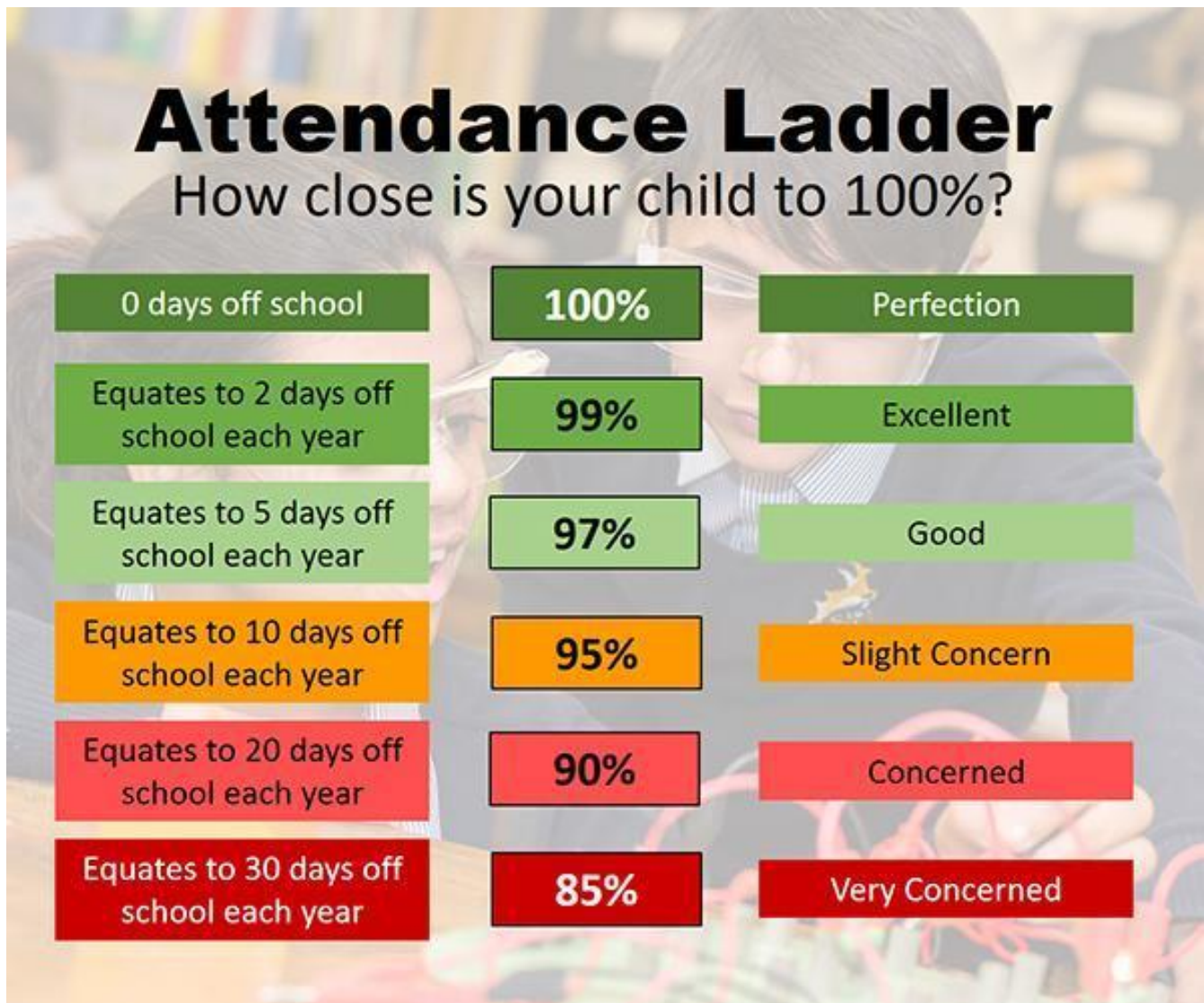
A little further ahead, World Book Day is on the 7<sup>th</sup> March but we will be celebrating it on **6<sup>th</sup> March** next year and we the theme for dressing up, is animal book characters.

## Dates for your diary

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 6 Screening (Nursing Team)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	County Cross Country Finals
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FOSA Disco
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 residential
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in need – Non-Uniform
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	News paper photographer for Year R – Lynn News
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Craft Day – FOSA Christmas Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Immunisation – please remember to opt out on line if you don't wish your child to have the nasal spray
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christingle 10.00 am - Church
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christingle 9.30 am - Church
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch – details to follow. FOSA are providing crackers for the children
20 <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
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cluster Football Competition
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	KS2 French Food Workshop
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Active Kids Class 1 – Kings Lynn – AM only
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 2 and 5 Planetarium
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 7.00
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FOSA non uniform day – Theme Red and Pink
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FOSA – Race Night – Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Half term
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children back in school

# Attendance

The Government are concerned about the non-attendance of children in schools. Below is a table that explains when they become concerned. When a child's attendance is 90% or below, this is a concern and their attendance is monitored closely on a weekly basis. Children below 90% are known to have 'persistent absence'. Each case is looked at on an individual basis, but at Emneth Academy if we believe there is a concern you may be invited in for an intervention meeting, to see if there is anything we can help with to increase your child's attendance.



## Attendance

We care very much about the education and well-being for all our children at Emneth Academy. Please could parents carefully consider what they will be missing if you take them out of school during term time, unless they are too ill to attend. Our aim this year is to exceed **97%** attendance and restore our attendance to pre-Covid levels. **Please be aware that the local authority may fine for unauthorised leave.**

**October Attendance 95.34% Year to Date Attendance: 95.59%**

Please also ensure that children arrive on time – sometimes we know late arrivals are unavoidable, due to traffic etc. This does disrupt their learning and they miss a really important part of the day. A child late in the morning, often feels left out and social issues can often follow. Please do continue to let us know if you have had a delay in the morning and explain any absences. Many thanks.

Class R	96.67%
Class 1	95.8%
Class 2	93.91%
Class 3	95.69%
Class 4	96.96%
Class 5	91.71%
Class 6	95.69%

**Well done class 4 for your attendance during October!**

## Useful Information

Our school website: <https://www.emnethacademy.co.uk/>

Another useful link is for the Eastern Multi Academy Trust; you can find out information about the Trust that we are part of. <https://www.eastern-mat.co.uk/>

If you would like to contact our Governing Body, please contact the school office and we will pass on your details for them to contact you.

## Food Bank Collection

Thank you for your kind donations for the food bank for Harvest Festival. We collected 112kg of food, which is approximately 267 meals. Well done everyone.

# FOSA UPDATE

FOSA has sent out a recent newsletter with their dates for diaries for events to be held this year. Please take time to have a read.

Thank you for your continued support

## Pumpkin Competition – Some of our entries

