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# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been delightful to enjoy and feel the warmth of the sun, and even on colder day, the sunshine is a cheery reminder that spring and summer are on the way.

Well what a busy Month it has been! Our super FOSA team have been working hard with a range of activities to keep everyone happy and keep the funds coming in. Mothers' day pop up shop was a great success, we had fun with the disco divas earlier this term and the Wonka Bar Golden Ticket magic was just amazing! We are busily working on giving the children their prizes...I am having Pizza in my office with a group and hot chocolate with another, before Easter! Thank you so much for all your support of these events and enjoy your Roach Races!

In school, we have an amazing World Book day, with a visiting author, which the children loved! We have also been working on a new APP to support reading both in school and at home, called Fonetti. We are currently installing this and getting log in details for pupils, so you will be able to make good use of it. It has voice recognition software too, so children will see as they read whether it is correct or not as the text changes colour! A great time saver in busy families, but also, it might inspire those more reluctant readers to engage and develop a love for reading 😊

We had a great response to the 2 morning sessions run by Norfolk Family and Community Partnership, entitled 'Understanding your child's behaviour' and I have had super feedback from those who were able to come. If anyone would like to attend this, please do let me or Miss Morgan know and we will try to schedule in another one. Parents attending found the strategies to help manage behaviour, were simple and effective and really did help with understanding why children are like they are.

Our super star dancers put on a fabulous performance this week too, at the Corn Exchange, Kings Lynn – ably led by Miss Skate, our pupils represented our Academy so well and revelled in their performance – well done all!

Finally, we have been talking as a staff team, and will be having a re-set after Easter on smartness and tidying up our school. We have noticed that uniforms are not being worn as well as in the past, shirts not tucked in etc, jewellery has crept in along with nail varnish and temporary tattoos. These additional items are not part of our uniform and we are asking for parental support in ensuring the children come into school taking pride in how they look. Please do let us know if you need any help or support with uniform items; we have a super 'pre-loved' stock which the FOSA team have available.

Many thanks for your on-going, kind support, as ever.

Kind regards, Mrs Huntington



## 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.



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# World Book Day



On World Book day the children and staff dressed as a book character or something from their favourite bed time story. Throughout the day, each class had time with an author. The author Lewis, read a book he had made, about all the adventures he has surfing on the beach with a koala that taught him how to surf.

At the end of the day we had an assembly, Lewis explained to the school what he does and where he went and we had a competition of who had the best costume. Each winner won £5 Works voucher from FOSA, and all children in each class received a £1 book token that they can spend in local libraries or book shops.

The short story competition was a competition the children competed in to win a free book to win, you had to write a short story about a bear that travelled around the world, the class 4 teacher, Mrs Hazel, looked at their short stories and decided the winner for each class at the assembly. The winners were given books by Lewis, the author. Mr Parish read the winner's story out loud, to share with the school.

***Written by Logan and Max, Year 5***



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## Break times:

Aspens have a snack trolley for break times, please find attached an updated price list.

## Attendance - update

Emails were sent to parents with an update on their child's attendance. Any update to your child's attendance that we wish to make you aware of, or wish to discuss, will be communicated via email. If you would like an update % at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

February 2025	
Class R	91%
Class 1	96%
Class 2	94%
Class 3	94%
Class 4	92%
Class 5	95%
Class 6	95%

Well done Class 1!



We were so proud to find out that we were shortlisted this year at the Education Business Awards for the Schools Sports Award 2025

## FOSA – Update

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts that FOSA could use for raffle, bingo or Tombola prizes, please feel free to drop them into the Academy Office.



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## Valentine Poem winners

Class R – Fleur, Class 1 – Charlie, Class 2 – Sophie, Class 3 - Isobella

Year 4 - Eva-Fae, Year 5 – Darcy, Class 6 - Lily



**Wonky Bars** – What an amazing time everyone had on world book day, followed by the Wonky Bars, the atmosphere at the end of the school day was amazing. Thank you everyone.



## Dates for your Diary

<b>April</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Layer Up Power Down Day – Heating will be off, send children in warm clothing if needed.
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year R Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	INSET Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children back in school.
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year R Screening – details to follow from the Nursing Team
28 <sup>th</sup> April	FOSA competition deadline – details to follow
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Assembly
<b>May</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Crucial Crew Year 6
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS all week
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
21 <sup>st</sup> May	National numeracy day
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
<b>June</b>	

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children back in school
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Dance Festival – details to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – KS2 AM and KS1 PM – Details and times to follow
30 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSA event – Details to follow
July	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Possible Year 6 Transition Day to Downham Market (details to follow at a later date)
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Possible Year 6 transition Day to Downham Market (details to follow at a later date)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents evening at MHS for new Year 7
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day at MHS for Year 6
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Jump up day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day MHS
18 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA bingo
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term



