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NEWSLETTER



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Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter Break, I have to comment on the wonderful, sunny weather we have had recently. As a farmer's daughter, I am always looking at the weather, but it really does lift everyone's mood. The children are really enjoying their outdoor time. Please remember, the children may still need a rain coat in school.

We have made a few changes to the fencing areas in school: reception now have flat boards against the 'lollipop fence' around their play area – this is to prevent climbing but also provides opportunities for blackboard paint and posters. We have also renewed the fence between the Nursery next door and the play area with a taller fence, to keep everyone safe.

The field and playground are now separated by a lower fence, with gates for ease of access to the Forest area and the field. This change enables us to zone the outside area and allow more children to have 'free play' on the playground, without worries about field use. It will also help the grass to grow back on the playground edge. We are planning to Re-site the play train. In addition, we are also getting quotes to clear the garden area outside the kitchen windows, and provide a shelter which will give much needed shade in the summer months.

Inside the Academy, we have provided two new break out spaces, by dividing our large cloakrooms in the Key Stage two corridor. This will give much needed 'space' for learning for some of our pupils who prefer to learn in a smaller group, or who need a time out space. It will support interventions too and make us even more inclusive.

We have seen a growth in pupil numbers this year and we now only have two spaces in the whole school! I am very proud to hear that the new children are very settled and parents comment that they are happier here, commenting on the calm atmosphere in school and how well the staff help them in their learning. We also frequently hear very positive comments about our school from visitors – thank you all for your super support.

Further developments this term: We have started to release some of our fiction to the children from our Newly refurbished library stock and now have the quotes in for new furniture. Already we have seen an increase in reading and keenness to use the library. In addition, Mr Parrish has been leading some training for staff after evaluating our reading outcomes; our phonics scores and reading age tests show very high levels of achievement, and we have now identified 'reading fluency' the next area for us to work on. Where possible, reading at home with your child will really help this and give them a boost across all curriculum areas.

I have a worry which I am sure you can help with: As parents are waiting for collection from clubs, many children run around the car park and I know it can be a 'no-man's land' where the children aren't at school but on premises. I am concerned that they are going to hurt themselves, or damage vehicles in the car park and would politely ask that parents keep younger children next to them, when waiting. We pride ourselves on the super behaviour we know our children can display.

Finally, we have two consultations coming out to parents which I would urge you all to read and respond to. One is a about our Academy Committee – we are in need of two new parent governors. Information as been sent out. The second will come out next week, with some information and opportunity for you to give your ideas about how we structure the school day and school year.

I hope to see many of you at the Church next week for our Easter Service with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, and their Easter Bonnets if they wish to make one. The children are also looking forward to their French Café on Monday. Take care and I will see you on the gate!

Kind regards, Mrs Huntington 😊



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Attendance Update

During the last week before half term, we had an increasing number of late arrivals. We are hoping that during the summer term this will lessen. We understand that there are the odd occasion this will happen, but have a lot arriving around 9.00 am. Can we please remind you gates open at 8.35 and close at 8.45.

Spring Term attendance up to half term, the winners are: Year 6 with 97.9% attendance. Well done Year 6.

Whole school attendance for spring term until half term is 95.3%. This is great considering we have been going through flu season. Hopefully we can up that % during the next half term as the weather improves.

Reminders

Parking – just a reminder to park safely outside the school and not to block the gateways of the school or nursery. Please only pull into the staff car park in an emergency. We have parents driving in to drop children off. We have taxis that drop off and pick up, places need to be available for them to do this safely.

Headlice – Please make sure that if your child has headlice you treat them, and the family, as soon as possible to stop the spread.

Summer – With Summer on the way, hopefully! Please put sun cream on children, send them in with water bottles and a hat. Fingers crossed we get the sun more now!

Pupil Asset – We have had some queries on paying for trips on pupil asset. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to speak to the office. Those of you who had the App, please delete as this no longer works, you must enter via the website.



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FOSA Update

The librarians have updated us with the winners from the Duck Diaries!

Year R- Daisy

Year 1- Joshua

Year 2- Arenea

Year 3-Charlotte

Year 4 William

Year 5- Brooke

Year 6- Darcy

Many thanks for the prizes donated!

MC Grammar – Children had an amazing morning with MC Grammar (so did the staff!) this was a fully funded event from FOSA. Each class has been presented with a signed photo of MC Grammar to have in their classroom.

£25 for 2025 – Well done everyone that took part in the FOSA challenge. You raised a total of £784.40. Well done everyone.

Mother Day – The gift shop raised an amazing £300. Look out for the fathers day shop. FOSA also supplied cards for the children to make into Mothers Day Cards to bring home.

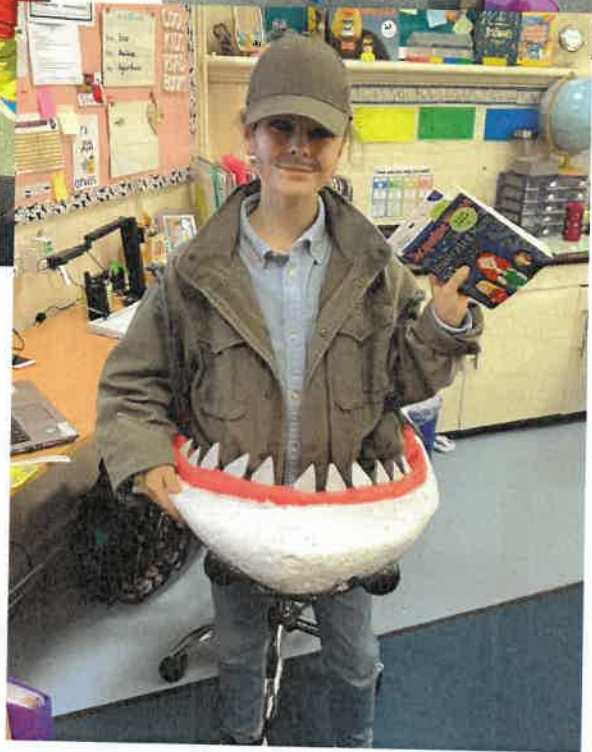
Disco – FOSA raised an amazing £400, thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Word Book day fun

We had some amazing costumes in school on World Book Day, thank you and well done to everyone who took part. FOSA had donated a prize for one winner in each class. The winners were given a book signed by MC Grammar and a voucher to spend.

Winners were:

Year R - Arthur, Year 1 – Nancy, Year 2 – Sophie, Year 3 -Alfie, Year 4 – Miles, Year 5 – Ruth,
Year 6 - Olivia



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Dates for your Diary

March	
16 th March	Healthy Body and Healthy Mind
25 th March	Class 6 Health Screening
25 th March	Class R Health Screening
26 th March	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade at the Church 10.00 am
27 th March	FOSA pop up pocket money shop at the gate. 3.00 pm
27 th March	Last Day of school – Break up at 3.15pm
30 th Mar – 13 th April	Easter holidays
April	
13 th April	INSET day for staff – School closed for children
14 th April	Children back in school
14 th April	FOSA pre-loved uniform sale
16 th April	FOSA non uniform day – gift donations of £1 please towards events (NB also World PJ Day!!)
17 th April	Closing date for Governor nominations
29 th April	Class 4 - Pizza workshop
May	
4 th May	Bank Holiday
5 th May	FOSA Clothes throw
w/c 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
12 th May	FOSA pre-loved uniform sale
15 th May	Group Photos
19 th May	Olly Day – Year 3 and Year 4 Road Safety Magician
20 th May	National numeracy day
22 nd May	FOSA pocket money shop 3.15
22 nd May	Last Day at school – Break up at 3.15pm
25 th – 29 th May	Half term
June	
1 st June	Children back in school
5 th June	FOSA non uniform day – Rainbow raffle – details to follow.
15 th – 19 th June	Sports and Arts Week - details to follow
16 th June	Class 4 Asian Workshop
July	
2 nd July	St Clements High Year 6 transition Day
7 th July	St Clements High Year 5 Taster Day
17 th July	Leavers' Assembly 1.45 – 2.45 – details to follow
17 th July	Last day of school – Break up at 3.15
20 th July	INSET – training day for staff – School closed for children

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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