



# NORWICH ROAD ACADEMY

*'Building our love of learning together'*

December 2020



**Dear Parents and Carers**

*We are nearing the end of an interesting Autumn term. Despite the challenges around us, we have lots to be thankful for in the academy. Our wonderful pupils provide us with joy and purpose each day. Their engagement and enthusiasm with their learning is evident. I would like to thank you for your support in this. Our pupils here are smart, well organised and courteous. I hope that you will also join me in recognising the efforts that the staff here go to, to ensure that the academy is a happy and safe place, a place that supports our young people to grow and achieve, to the best of their ability, despite external challenges.*



*Our current value is 'Connect'. In the academy we have been looking at how we make positive connections with each other, The World and across our learning.*

*One thing which 'connects' many of us across the globe at the moment is Advent. Many of us are currently organising our homes and preparing for the festive period. It is a special time for families, providing magical memories for children. We are very conscious here, that children's experiences should remain positive and we will work hard to maintain this. Unfortunately we will not be able to host our usual Christmas Fayre but thanks to your generous donations, we will still be raffling hampers for you! Children are also still able to bring in Christmas cards for their friends and will be able to enjoy some festive fun, thanks to their teachers (more details on the back of this letter!)*

*We continue to promote good attendance at school. Mrs Kato monitors our attendance carefully and will host a special attendance celebration for pupils*

*whose attendance has been exemplary this term. This will of course, take account of any forced absence due to COVID19 restrictions.*

*My best wishes to you and your family.*

**Mrs. Julia Miles**  
Principal



Please remember, if you have positive feedback for us, we would be grateful if you could complete Parent View, it resets every academic year:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

If there is something that we can improve or that you think we need to know, please get in touch with us. We are happy to help.

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### Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 2nd**—Photographer revisit
- Mon 7th Dec**—Festive Cinema with your class this week! Hamper raffle tickets also on sale.
- Mon 14th Dec**— Attendance celebrations, party afternoons and hamper raffle this week.
- Wed 16th Dec**—Christmas jumper day and Lunch
- Friday 18th December** - Finish for Christmas.
- Mon 4th Jan**—Academy Training Day
- Tues 5th Jan** - Children back



**We want to keep our academy**

**safe.** When you visit, please:

- Wear a mask
- Keep your distance
- Only one adult should drop off,
- Use the one way systems

Wearing a mask shows...



Kindness

### Safeguarding Children

We all have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. If you have a safeguarding concern, you can speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders. These are: Mrs Miles, Mrs Brain, Mrs King, Mrs Kato, Mrs Stanton and Mrs Marshall via the academy office.

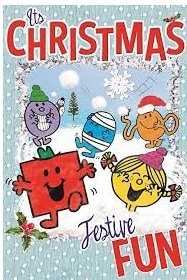


**Current whole school attendance is 96.3%. Keep up the good work!**

## Class Reading Areas



A big **THANK YOU** to our School Council who have been judging book corners this term and awarded their top three teachers with a hamper prize, in recognition of their hard work. Our fabulous winner was Miss Archibald, with Ms Overton coming in second and Miss Selgman third. Well done! Prize givers were George and Jagoda, our Y6 School Council Representatives.



### Week beginning 7th December

**Raffle tickets on sale.** Watch out for your more information. All details on how to buy will follow. We have some great prizes guaranteed to make your Christmas!

**Christmas Cinema Week** Each 'Bubble' will have a stay-after-school cinema session. There will be a small charge for this. Please see the separate letter coming out for more information.

### Week beginning 14th December

Our hamper raffle prizes will be drawn this week—make sure that you have bought your tickets! All money goes to a good cause—the children at the academy!

**Party time!** Each 'bubble' will be having an afternoon Christmas party. Children can bring in a special outfit and enjoy some fun and games with their friends.



**Attendance Celebrations this week too**—Mrs Kato will be sharing hot chocolate and festive nibbles with our academy best attenders.



### Wednesday 16th December

**Christmas Jumper Day** (no money needed, just for fun!)

**Christmas lunch** followed by a **pantomime**. Children will be watching the 'remote' panto in class, after their lunch.

### Reading

As you know, this is very important to us at NRA, Don't forget to put some books on your list for



Father Christmas! We have lots of rewards for super reading here.

*Thank you to the academy staff for working hard to make this year's Christmas a good one!*

**Scopay and online payments** We have an online payment facility and will **no longer accept cash payments for lunches or Hedgehogs from January 2021.**

**Term Dates:** We would like to remind you that being part of Eastern Multi Academy Trust means **we do not follow the Norfolk County Council Term Date Calendar.** Our Term Dates can be found on our school website and will be regularly put on Class Dojo as a reminder.

**Holidays:** We do not authorise holiday requests during term time

**Academy Uniform:** Thank you for your efforts with uniform, particularly with black school shoes. Smart pupils raise self-esteem and the positive perception of the academy. Please note that all KS2 pupils should wear a school tie. Full details about our uniform, including PE uniform, can be found on our website. All items should also be labelled with your child's name as things can be easily misplaced in a busy school environment.

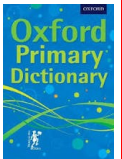
**Trainers are not part of daily uniform and should only be worn on PE days.** *Thank you for working with us on this.*

## Academy improvement

We continue putting our ambitions and improvements in place here. We have recently directed additional funds to our Early Years. Mrs Kato has purchased resources to improve the children's outdoor experiences and their learning opportunities.

**Our new site supervisor, Mr Britcher** has been helping, getting things organized for our younger children, as well as keeping our site clean and tidy.

New dictionaries and thesauruses have also been purchased for *all* of our classes.. We are ambitious for our pupils here and want them to use ambitious word choices.



'Topic' based books have also been purchased for individual classes to support reading and understanding across the curriculum.

### Join Class Dojo

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