



Every Child Matters Academy Trust
Children at the heart

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Sandhill News



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Great Teaching in Phonics: We had a visit recently from the 'English Hub' who support and monitor the teaching of our 'Early Reading' in school. They spoke very highly about the quality of teaching and the positive way our children participate in lessons. Well done to all our children and staff who work so hard during our 'Read Write Inc' sessions.

Phonics

Trim Trail: Since the first lockdown our trim trail on the KS1 playground has been out of bounds. The reason behind the area not being reopened is that most of the equipment was worn, torn and unsafe to use. Areas like this come at a huge cost and the school have been fortunate to access some funding recently to revamp this area. Our school council have been heavily involved in the design and decision making in this project. We will keep you updated about when the work will commence.



Snowy Owls Parents Evening: Thank you to all parents that were able to join the Snowy Owls parents' evenings this week. If you missed your appointment - please speak to Miss Cooper to arrange another convenient time.

Smart Watches: It has been noticed in school that some children have been coming into school with 'Smart Watches'. We would like children to keep these safe at home as they can easily cause distraction in the classroom through alerts and notifications. We would always encourage children to wear analogue watches to benefit from telling the time but would ask children not to wear smart watches in school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Safeguarding: If you or your children have any safeguarding concerns, please remember that our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are: Mr Hickey, Mr Haywood, & Miss Stppard.



Star of the Week Assembly

Stars of the Week - Friday 7th January

Spotty	Mitch
Snowy	Freddie
Elf	Cole
Tawny	Mally
Sooty	Jayden
Barn	Ruby
Hawk	Freya
Eagle	Charlie

Stars of the Week - Friday 14th January

Owlets	Mason & Alfie
Spotty	Oakley
Snowy	Charlie
Elf	Shaylen
Tawny	Larosa
Sooty	Sienna & Sonny
Barn	Bow
Hawk	Oscar
Eagle	Faith

All our Stars of the Week get the chance to have a hot chocolate with Mr Hickey to celebrate the great work that they are doing in class.

Great School Attendance: Great school attendance is so important. If children are not in school, they are not learning and are likely to fall behind.

Well done to **Elf Owls** who had the best attendance last half term. They were able to come into school in non - uniform and had a specially organised craft afternoon!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

COVID Update: The main symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms listed above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and [arrange to have a test](#). You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive.

There are several other symptoms linked with COVID-19. These symptoms may have another cause and are not on their own a reason to have a COVID-19 PCR test. If you are concerned about your symptoms, seek medical advice.

If you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine and have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or have received a positive LFD or PCR test result, you should still follow this guidance. This is because it is still possible to get COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if you are vaccinated.

School Holidays 2021/2022	
February Half Term	Monday 21 Feb —Friday 25 Feb 2022
Inset Day	Monday 28 th Feb 2022
Easter Holidays	Monday 11 April—Friday 22 April 2022
May Day	Monday 2 May 2022
Inset Day	Friday 27 th May 2022
May Half Term	Monday 30 May—Friday 3 rd June 2022
Summer Holidays	School closes Thursday 21 st July 2022

Pupil E Safety Challenge

What would your child do if this happened to them?

A couple of your friends have started sending texts to another pupil which are making that person upset. They ask you to send one from your mobile phone.

What should you do?

1. Send the message. If I do not, they may start sending them to me!
2. Do not send the message.
3. Do not send the message and tell a trusted adult that another pupil is getting these texts.

