

Friday 8th September 2023

England Lane Academy Newsletter

WEEK 1

Whole School Attendance: 97.3%

Head of Academy's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a joy to welcome all the old and new faces back into the academy this week. The children have settled very well and have been busy with their learning. We hope that you all had a restful summer (despite the British weather!)

Merit Assembly - 9:30am Friday Mornings

We are pleased to continue our traditional Friday merit assembly. Parents and carers of our merit winners are invited to join us to celebrate. Each week, the office will contact parents/carers of the merit children to invite you to join us. We only ask that you do not let your child know so that they can still enjoy the surprise of being picked on the Friday.

There is no limit to parent/carer numbers so feel free to bring aunts/uncles/friends etc to share their special moment.

Site Safety Message

This is a polite reminder that our playgrounds and car park are pedestrian zones only. Bikes, scooters, electric scooters etc must all be dismantled at the road gates and pushed down the drive to the bike store. We expect that parents/carers take full responsibility in ensuring they and their child follow this rule. It is to ensure that families walking around site are safe from harm. Please note that failing to adhere to this could lead to a ban from site.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September

We are delighted to be hosting another MacMillan coffee morning this year in order to raise funds for this important charity. Please keep your eyes peeled for a letter coming out with more information about how to get involved and timings for the day.

Home Readers

When looking in your child's bookbag, you will find 2 home reading books. One of these books is a top 30 read that is recommended for your child to have read either alone or with an adult. The other is a book that is matched to your child's reading fluency level that they use to practice reading out loud to an adult. If you have any questions or queries around home reading, please ensure you speak to your child's class teacher.

Key Dates

We recognise the importance of knowing what is happening in your child's school and when. The last few pages of this newsletter are dedicated to a monthly list of key dates for your diaries. Please be aware that on rare occasions we made need to amend or add new dates to the calendar so do ensure you check each week to avoid missing out.

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Miss Helen Prout
Head of Academy

ELA Stars of the Week

Caterpillars

Ruby

For settling in beautifully!



Butterflies

Oliver

For his super phonics skills!

Hedgehogs

Olly

For his amazing attitude and spirit!



Owls

Archie

For making an amazing start to the year!



Dolphins

Winnie

For showing a superb attitude to learning!



Pandas

Millie

For being brave and confident in Year 4!

Eagles

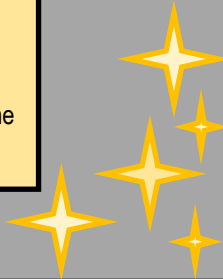
Kievan

For a great start to the year!

Lions

CJ

For an amazing attitude to learning!



Votes For Schools

Each week in assembly our children focus on an important topic. This is then followed up in their classroom learning during their votes for schools lesson. It is a chance to make their voices heard on important issues. If you would like to continue the conversation at home, you can see more by clicking the big questions box below:

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Do we know how to care for our electronics?

- What do you think is most important: reducing, reusing, or recycling?
- Can you list all of the electronics that you have in your household? Ask an adult to help you count!
- How do you think you or your family members could take more care of your electronics?

Caterpillars

Nursery have had a wonderful start to their educational journey. They have enjoyed exploring the environment and learning an exciting timetable filled with pre-phonics time, practicing their nursery rhymes and snack time amongst much more. The class has settled so well, we are so proud!. Super Caterpillars!



Butterflies

We have had an amazing first week in butterflies! I have been so proud of how well the children have settled into their new routines and new learning. We have made a great start in phonics this week learning new letter sounds. We have also been learning our new 'Owl babies' story in writing and putting this story into a story map, going on to perform this confidently together. This is just the beginning of an amazing journey we are going to have this year with our amazing butterflies!



Hedgehogs

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back. We have been outside exploring different types of lines, can identify the different things a map has and written a poem about a tiger.

We can't wait for more learning next week!



Owls

Owls have had a lovely start to their educational journey. They have enjoyed choosing their own reading for pleasure book. The class have settled in so well and we are very proud!



Dolphins

This week we have started our topic on the Stone Age through to the Iron Age! We also had some good discussions about our self-worth in our Jigsaw lesson!



Pandas

Year 4 have had a wonderful first week. We have enjoyed starting our learning journey. We have dived into our curriculum topic of the Vikings and predicted what we think their settlements we look like.

We have enjoyed picking out our reading for pleasure books, here is a photograph of us enjoying some time to read them.

Well done on a fantastic first week everyone!



Lions

This week the children have had an amazing first week. They have settled in extremely well and have produced some amazing work.

We are looking forward to the year ahead as we have lots of exciting things planned.



Eagles

This week the children have settled back into school brilliantly. We have started to learn about the laws and things implemented by different kings and queens throughout time and have begun learning about how to read music notes in Music.



Safeguarding Advice

Whether they are returning to school or it is their first day, we know parents are excited to share their first day photos.

It is important we continue to keep our children safe whilst doing this. Please see below more information on how you can ensure your child's images are safe online.

[Click here!](#)

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Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please speak to one of our safeguarding team:

Miss Casey Milton (Assistant Principal DSL)

Miss Helen Prout (Head of Academy Deputy DSL)

Mrs Claire Carratt (Admin Officer Deputy DSL)

Mrs Sarah Hodgson (Cover Supervisor Deputy DSL)

Key Dates for the year

September

Tuesday 5th - Academy reopens to pupils

Monday 11th - After school clubs start

Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th - Year 6 Dallow Gill residential

Tuesday 12th - Stay and Read session EYFS

Tuesday 19th - Stay and Read session Year 1

Tuesday 19th - Orienteering day

Monday 25th—National Fitness day

Tuesday 26th - Stay and Read session Year 2

Wednesday 27th - Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6

Friday 29th - MacMillan coffee morning

Friday 29th - Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival

October

Monday 9th - EYFS Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th - Stay and Read session Year 4

Tuesday 10th - Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th - World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11th - Year 1 and Year 2 Parents' Evenings

Thursday 12th - Year 5 and Year 6 - Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th - Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th - Stay and Read session Year 5

Friday 20th - Wear it Pink day

Tuesday 24th - Photo day (Individual and siblings)

Tuesday 24th - Stay and Read session Year 6 (in the classroom)

Friday 27th - Last day of half term

November

Monday 6th - INSET day

Tuesday 7th - Academy reopens to pupils

Monday 13th - Anti Bullying week

Friday 17th - Children in Need day

December

Friday 1st - Christmas Card post boxes in classrooms

Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th - Thrive group Dallow Gill residential

Friday 8th - Year 1 and 2 Indoor Athletics Festival

Tuesday 12th - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Concerts (morning)

Wednesday 13th - KS2 Christmas Concerts (morning)

Thursday 21st - Christmas jumper day

Friday 22nd - Last day of term, Christmas parties and Evergreen Reward

Key Dates for the year

January

Monday 8th - Academy reopens to pupils
Monday 29th - Story Telling week

February

Thursday 1st - Time to Talk day
Friday 2nd - Year 3 and 4 World Sports Festival
Tuesday 6th - Safer internet day
Friday 9th - Last day of term
Monday 19th - INSET
Tuesday 20th - Academy reopens to pupils

March

Thursday 7th - World Book Day
Friday 22nd - Year 5 and 6 Basketball festival
Friday 22nd - Last day of half term

April

Monday 8th - Academy opens to pupils

Key Dates for the year

May

Friday 3rd - Year 1 and 2 Dance and Gymnastics Festival

Monday 6th - Bank holiday Academy closed

Tuesday 21st May - EYFS and KS1 Sports day (morning)

Wednesday 22nd - KS2 Sports day (morning)

Friday 24th - Last day of half term

June

Monday 3rd - INSET day

Tuesday 4th - Academy opens to pupils

Friday 21st - Year 5 and 6 girls' Football Festival

TBC Year 4 Dallow Gill Residential

July

Friday 19th - Last day of term

Monday 22nd - INSET

September 2024

Monday 2nd - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd - Academy opens to pupils