



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust
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Issue 21: Monday 8th January 2024

Key Dates:

8th January – King's Lynn Police Visit

12th January - Maths Subject Showcase: parents invited 9:00am – 10:00am

16th January - **Change of Date:** EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited) 9-9:30am

Welcome back everyone!

We would like to wish everyone a truly **Happy New Year!**

Please refer to the key diary dates for new dates of events added for this term and next. We have had another busy break at the Academy, with further improvements made on-site and curriculum developments which your children are going to enjoy. Further information to come shortly.

We are looking forward to a number of special visitors joining us this half term, starting today! Police Constable Chris Lorraine and PC Iain Fisher will be joining us again, they will lead a whole school assembly with a British Values focus – The Rule of Law. They will also be meeting with our Pupil Leadership Team, predominantly to discuss morning and end of day traffic and the school run and they will also be leading workshops with both Year 5 and Year 6 classes to cover priority areas of our KS2 PSHE Curriculum including anti-social behaviour, the dangers and consequences of vaping, knife crime, and the importance of being a kind, helpful citizen. Please do say hello to them both on the morning gate.

We have our first of many Subject Showcases – Mathematics, this coming Friday. Parents are invited into school to observe Maths in action across all classes. These showcases are different to our open morning where parents get involved in the learning, instead they are an opportunity to observe teaching and learning, strategies used in class and to visit year groups above and below your child's own class to support an understanding of age-expectations. We look forward to seeing many of you that are able to attend.

We had a wonderful start to the term last week. It was smashing to hear about all of the wonderful things children got up to over the break and to see them focused and ready to learn on their return. Below is just some picture across classes and in the library from the past two days in school. This week we say farewell to Miss Rawding and wish her the very best for the new role and thank her for all of her hard work and support during her time at Upwell. There will be a newsletter on Friday to share all of the wonderful things we've been up to in the Academy this week. Have a great week everyone!





Communication

You may remember that during the lockdown period we began to use Class Dojo in a variety of ways which really benefitted us during what was unprecedented times. We adapted and changed for the situation. As Mrs Rhodes and I continue to establish new and improved systems in the office, in order to benefit the safe and smooth running of the Academy, it is paramount that essential communications come through the office in the first instance rather than through Class Dojo. Mrs Rhodes, as Operations Manager will then redirect them as needed. This will help in a variety of ways including you receiving a more timely response. Please can I ask that you all support us by emailing office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk if you have any questions at all or please call on - 01945773220 or drop into the Academy between 8:30 and 3:30. Thank you for your continued support.



Afterschool Care

Thank you all for your patience while we have been finalising an offer for after-school care. Please see below the link for the parent survey shared yesterday to help to determine if there is still a viable demand for us to move forwards with the extended after school club care offer through Premier Education. This will not be a sporting club but may offer some active games on occasion. Instead, children will engage in art and craft activities and games.

<https://forms.gle/Cb47t57a8Vnmmis2A>

We have set a deadline for Monday 15th January for all responses to be completed. **Thank you.**

After-School Sports Clubs. Click below to book your place this half term.

After School Archery Club

Upwell Academy

10th January 2024 - 14th February 2024

Course starts on **Wed 10th January 2024**

Times: 15:15 – 16:15

Age Range: 4-11

Year Group: R-Y6

After School Gymnastics Club

Upwell Academy

12th January 2024 - 16th February 2024

Course starts on **Fri 12th January 2024**

Times: 15:15 – 16:15

Age Range: 4-11

Year Group: R-Y6

After School Netball Club

Upwell Academy

16th January 2024 - 13th February 2024

Course starts on **Tue 16th January 2024**

Times: 15:15 – 16:15

Age Range: 6-11

Year Group: Y3-Y6



Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Spring Term 2024	
16 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited) 9:00am
12 th January	Maths Subject Showcase 9:00am – 10:15am
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase 9:00am – 10:15am
2 nd February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions (parents invited)
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
14 th February	FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)
17 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school
28 th February	National Science Day
6 th March	Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
7 th March	World Book Day
14 th March	Reception class Vision & hearing Tests
15 th March	Comic Relief
18 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
19 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21 st March	FOSA Easter Disco
22 nd March	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 - 4pm
25-27 th March	Year 6 Residential Trip
27 th March	Easter Assembly
27 th March	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 28 th March –14 th April
28 th March	Staff Inset
Summer Term	
15 th April	Term Starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday
13 th May	Key Stage 2, year 6 SATS Week
17 th May	FOSA Colour Run
25 th – 2 nd June	Half-Term
3 rd June	Children return to school
10 th June	Year 1 Phonic check
1 st – 5 th July	Sport Week
4 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
5 th July	FOSA Year 6 Leavers Event

10 th July	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
15 th – 19 th July	Transition Week
15 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop
19 th July	Term ends
22 nd July	Staff Inset

