

Dates for Your

## DIARY



2nd March

EYFS dinosaur experience

5th March

World Book Day– letter to follow

6th—15th March

Science Week

16th March 2:00pm-3:00pm

Mother's Day Event

18th March 3:30pm—6:00pm

Parents' Evening (bookable on MCAS)

w/c 23rd March

Entries for Easter competition to be bought in

24th March 2:30pm

Rocksteady Concert

26th March 9:15am

Easter Service at St Barnabas' Church

27th March 9:15am

EYFS Easter bonnet parade

A message from the

## PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

How are we half way through the year already? The year seems to be flying by with so many successes and exciting experiences for the children.

We are really looking forward to the continuation of trips and visitors are the next few weeks. A huge thank you to all of the parents that have paid their trip pass. If anyone is experiencing any difficulties, please contact Miss Bailey and she will be able to assist you.

A huge well done needs to be shared relating to our 'Brilliant Brushers' in EYFS. After a visit from the hygiene team, we have been identified as a exemplary school. We are waiting for a special visit from our MP to showcase the amazing work. Congratulations

to our EYFS children, Year 6 prefects and staff!

As you will have seen on dojo, we have had a few incidents outside of the academy on the surrounding rounds. Please take care if driving to school and if needing to park on pavements. We ask that speed is monitored and cars slow down when pulling on the curbs. Many children and families walk to school and this week, we have had a few near misses. The safety of the children and families are our number 1 priority.

We are really excited about the half term ahead and continuing to celebrate the amazing things happening within the academy.

*Laura Niemczyk*

**Co-Principal**



# Safeguarding



## WhatsApp safety guide for parents

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13+

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

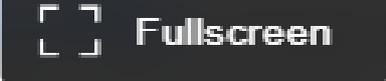
Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp



### 5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

-  **1 Review privacy and security settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings. You can customise groups, app access, live location and more. 
-  **2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
-  **3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
-  **4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
-  **5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.



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# Experiences so far....

Chinese New Year Dragon Parade



Aspiring Author Hook Days—Wright Brothers, Brazil Festival, Dinosaur Mystery, Greek Day



Year 5 Safe + Sound Visit



Valentine's Disco

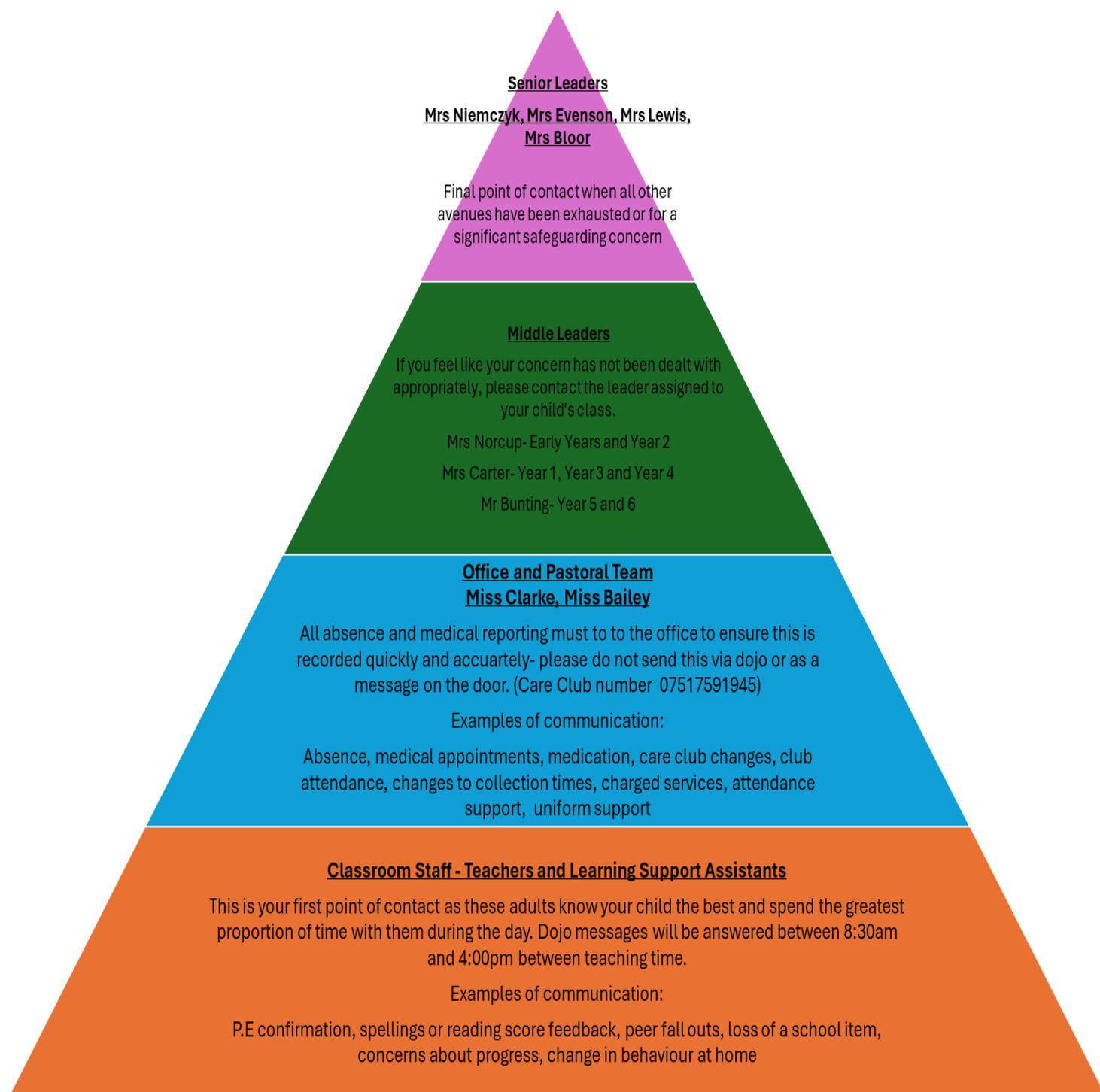


*The Valentine's disco was a huge success with everyone bringing their best dance moves.*

*The trips and visits continue and we have been very proud of the feedback about the children's manners and behaviour— we are so lucky to have such amazing children.*

# Communication Pyramid

Following parents view taken within the autumn term, we have created the communication pyramid to support parents and staff when communicating about school issues. Communication can be sent to staff via class dojo. This will be checked before school starts (8:30am) and after school (3:30pm-4:00pm) and where staff can throughout the day whilst not interrupting their teaching. We expect staff to respond within 24 hours of the message, even if they cannot resolve this immediately. If you require a meeting with a staff member, please book this via the school office. Mrs Lewis is now the safeguarding lead within the academy.



# Uniform

A reminder of our uniform expectations:

- Shirt and tie for Y5/6 only
- White polo shirt for N-Y4
- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore, skirt
- Grey tights or white/grey socks
- School jumper/cardigan with logo
- Black shoes (no trainers)

P.E kit

- School hoodie, jumper or cardigan
- Black/blue shorts or joggers (plain)
- Trainers

Incorrect uniform will result in a change of clothing or footwear from the academy uniform bank.

We offer a uniform swap shop for any parents that may need to change uniform throughout the year. We also welcome any well-loved clothes that children may have grown out of.

# Attendance

A huge thank you to all of the children and parents for their support with attendance so far this year. It is great to see attendance slowly improving week on week.

Please continue to report absence to the office daily, unless advised by Miss Clarke of a longer absence period (e.g. 48 hours for sickness)

Fabulous February results are now in and winners will be selected in assembly next week



**Current attendance– 93.2%**



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