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Executive Principal's Welcome!

Happy new year! I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday period with your families. It has been a pleasure to welcome our pupils back into our EVA community.

Many of you know that Spring term is my favourite term, as this is a term where we really see some rapid progress from pupils that attend our academy. They have a term under their belt and are ready to fly in both their core subjects and their wider curriculum.

I'm sure that you will have enjoyed all of our Christmas events for parents before the break. It's always wonderful to reflect on how far our pupils have come. I personally enjoyed seeing their increased confidence and participation in so many different things. The reindeers were definitely a highlight for lots of pupils and I'm so glad that we could

create this experience. It's all part of what makes being an EVA pupil so special.

Our aim is to have an excellent personal development offer which includes EVA's 50 Excellent Experiences that we aim to give pupils in the time that they are with us. I have included a copy of this on the next page of this newsletter so you can have a look. We know that high quality teaching and pupil progress are important but wider experiences are equally as important to us which is why we celebrate sports weeks, charity events, use our forest school and much more.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to be a great academy. I look forward to continuing to speak to many of you on the gate some mornings or when you are in the academy at one of our events.

Mrs E Clark
 Executive Principal

Holidays in Term Time

If you plan on taking a holiday in term time, please complete and return a holiday form at least 4 weeks in advance of the date you go. Letting us know that you are on holiday ensures that we know your child is safe and avoids us having to ring all your safeguarding contacts as well as completing a door knock.

The fine for holidays is currently £80 per pupil, per parent for the first offence. It doubles on the second occasion and can result in a greater fine and/or court appearance with criminal conviction on the third occasion. Please also consider key periods such as assessment points in the year if you do need to take a holiday. Thank you for your continued support with this.

If you have any holiday related questions, please ask to speak to Mrs Clark who will be able to answer any queries.



Head of School

As Mrs Clark continues to work as Executive Principal over both EVA and Rosedale Primary, Mrs Dowse has started her role as Head of School at EVA. Here is what Mrs Dowse has to say:

It has been a wonderful first week back in the academy. We started the week off with an assembly to recap our visible consistencies and learning behaviours around school. I have been really impressed by the way pupils have been displaying these around the academy and in lessons.'

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Dowse

Lunchtime & After School Clubs Spring 1

This half term we have a wide range of free lunchtime and after school clubs with the introduction of wellbeing club which is something we have not had before. Thank you to all the EVA staff who give up their time to run clubs.

Day	Activity	Time
Monday	Wellbeing (Y3/4/5)	3.15-4.00
	Forest School (F2)	3.15-4.00
	Boosters (Y6)	3.15-4.15
	Choir (Y3/4/5/6)	lunchtime
	Art Club (Y1/2)	3:15-4.00
Tuesday	Dance (Y3/4/5/6)	3.15-4.00
Thursday	Relaxed Reading (Y3/4/5/6)	3.15-4.00
	Multi-skills (Y1/2)	3.15-4.00
Friday	Athletics (selected Y5/6)	3.15-4.00

Key Diary Dates

Please note that some dates could be subject to change and more events may be added. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible. Sports events will be added later.

- 7th Jan—School re-opened
- 23rd Jan—Doncaster Athletics Y5/6
- 24th Jan—Super Learning Day
- 28th Jan—Y5 trip to Young Voices
- 31st Jan—Y2 Multi-skills festival
- w/c 3rd Feb—Children’s Mental Health Week
- 4th Feb—Pastoral coffee morning for parents
- 11th Feb—E-Safety Day
- 14th Feb—Break up
- 24th Feb—School re-opens
- w/c 24th Feb—Careers Week
- 26th Feb—Parents Evening
- w/c 3rd March—Book Week
- 4th March—Pastoral Coffee Morning for parents
- 6th March—World Book Day
- 10th March—PSHE Coffee Morning
- Y5 Enterprise Challenge
- 13th March— 3G, 3/4R, 4B Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm
- 14th March—Science Day
- 18th March—F1D Stay and Play @ 11am
- 19th March—F2B & F2/Y1P Stay and Play
- 20th March—1W, 1/2SB, 2H Learning Showcase @ 2.30pm
- 21st March—Comic Relief
- 27th March—5/6K, 5/6C, 6T Learning Showcase @2.30pm
- 28th March—Break Up

Safeguarding and

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

If you have any concerns around safeguarding for a pupil/ family or would like any support with parenting, please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Bingham our DSL. If you have any queries around Special Educational Needs, please contact Mrs Brooke, our SENDCO.

We asked some of our pupils; what makes EVA special?

‘We have a Junior Leadership Team and we also feed into a Trust School Council where we can be heard and share our ideas.’

‘Our core values of resilience, investigation, motivation, collaboration and evaluation mean that we work hard and achieve great things so we can get good jobs when we’re older.’

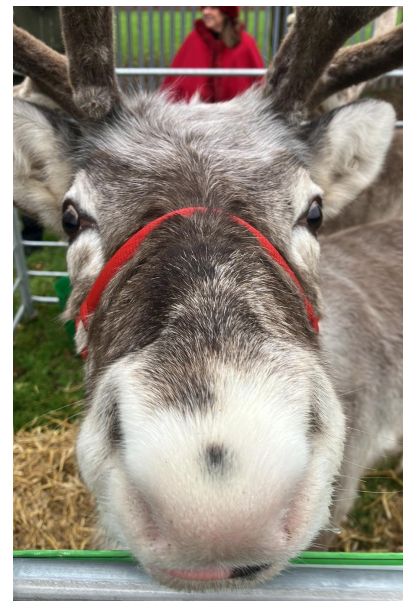
‘We have lots of things we can do like trips, residentials, discos, fayres, Y6 prom and other events. We also have With Me In Mind to help our mental health.’

The Reindeers!!

Just before Christmas we had a day with the reindeers in our forest school. Our pupils loved this experience and were in awe of how magical it was. Just look at this photo!

So many pupils came back inside and spoke about how much they enjoyed this. Not only our pupils, but our staff enjoyed this too!

We’re already thinking about next Christmas and what our pupils would enjoy.



Meet a reindeer	Learn to swim	Plant a seed and watch it grow	Go to the seaside	Dissect a pig heart
Code a robot	Attend a Goldilocks breakfast	Visit a historical place	Relax in a hammock	Become a published author
Toast a marshmallow on a fire	Watch a butterfly emerge	Go to a prom	Visit a place of worship	Create a podcast
Build a den	Become a leader	Cross a slack line	Learn how to play a guitar	Visit the Space Centre
Perform to a large audience	Meet a Viking	Visit the local library	Make and sell a product	Compete in a sports festival
Make a mud pie	Go on a spooky stroll	Learn yoga	Explore different careers	Dance at a disco
Build a house out of bread	Meet an author	Raise money for charity	Become a sculptor	Enter an art competition
Explore a real coal mine	Take part in an election	Be a reading buddy	Join a debate	Go on a residential
Become a king or queen for the day	Prepare and taste food from around the world	Become a magical florist and change the colour of flowers	Wear pyjamas and snuggle a cuddly toy whilst sharing a book	Learn how to ride a bike safely on the road
Represent EVA in the community	Build a bug hotel	Have a piece of art displayed in a gallery	Become an island explorer and make fresh water	Watch a performance

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