



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK!



Headteacher Update 16th September 2022

Diary Dates

September

30th Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

24-28th Half Term Holidays

November

W/B 7th Parents Evenings

18th Children in Need

25th Training Day

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and a very special welcome to all our new children and families that joined us last week. Everyone has made a wonderful start to the term and it's been brilliant to see all the children returning to school looking super smart in their school uniform. Thank You for your support with this. I have also been pleased to see everyone dismounting from your bikes and scooters when you come through the main gate on a morning. This makes a safe, calm start to the school day. I have also noticed that between 8.40am and 8.55am there are always

available car parking spaces in the first bay (on both sides) as you enter through the gates. There should be no reason for anyone to park on the verges as cars approach the roundabout.

Last week we also welcomed a number of new staff. We hope they enjoy working as part of our amazing team. Since we returned to school, Miss Brady and I have been delighted to see our weekly attendance has not been too far off our target of 97%. We are going to add our class attendance figures to our newsletters and every class that hits the target will get a treat at the end of the week. We can't emphasise enough how important it is to attend regularly so there is no lost learning and we don't miss out on any fun activities. Next week our Year 6 children will certainly have lots of fun as they are going on their residential trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. Let's hope the sun shines!

This week, I have been very impressed with how respectful our children have been and how keen they are to share their thoughts about the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II. Don't forget it is a Bank Holiday on Monday and school will be closed.



Debbie Cousins

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It has been lovely to welcome back some familiar faces who attended our nursery as well as welcoming lots of new children and families who are joining us at Hob Moor for the first time. Everyone in Team Turtle and Starfish have settled into their new classes fantastically, and it has been a pleasure to see them coming into school with big smiles on their faces! We have had a very busy start, learning our routines and exploring all of our areas of provision. We have had lots of police officers catching "baddies", doctors and vets helping patients with a wide variety of injuries, superheroes tackling our tricky obstacle courses and lots more! This week, we had a special visit from one of our newly discovered favourite book characters, Mr Big. We were extremely excited that he brought his piano with him, and we had the opportunity to play our own jazz music!



We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning cake sale for our children on Friday 30th September. If you are able to make a donation of cakes/baking to help us with our fundraising could you please send it in to school on the morning of the 30th in a labelled tin. If you want your child to buy a cake we are asking for a small donation to raise money for this worthy cause. Thank you

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Family Matters York have the following courses starting in September :

Time out for Parents - Handling Anger in the Family - Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am for 4 weeks starting 28th

September/ Thursday evenings 7.15-9.00pm for 4 weeks starting 22nd September

Time Out for Parents –The Primary Years –Monday evenings 7.30-9.30pm for 5 weeks starting 19th September/ Monday afternoons 12.45-2.45pm for 5 weeks starting 19th September.

To book a place or for further information on any of these courses please visit: <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> or email: helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk.

Railway Museum Visit



On Wednesday Key Stage 1 went on a trip to launch our topic for the new school year 'Reach for Greatness', where we are learning all about places that make York great. We visited the National Railway Museum to learn all about York's railway history. We explored the Great Hall, where we saw the Eurostar, the Japanese Bullet train and we even explored beneath a steam train that was over 100 years old! Later on, we took part in a workshop where we learnt all about Stephenson's Rocket and the Rainhill Trials from 1829, where 5 locomotives entered a competition and The Rocket was the winner for being the only locomotive to complete the trails! After lunch, we played in the play area before exploring Station Hall, where we looked at many former royal coaches, including Queen Victoria's personal coach! We returned to school tired but full of knowledge after a busy day of learning. Thank you to all parents and carers who volunteered to help make our trip happen, and a special thanks to Geoff and Richard Armstrong, who visited all three KS1 classes last week with their model trains and amazing photographs of York's rail history, as well as being expert tour guides on our journey round the museum.



Stars of the Week 16th September 2022

Turtle Bella for an amazing start to Team Turtle, where she has settled into our class and had lots of fun learning in our areas of provision

Starfish Henry for a fantastic start to team starfish! Henry has been coming into school every day and trying his absolute best. He has had lots of brilliant ideas when learning in our areas of provision and he always includes everyone in his play! Well done Henry!

Octopus Savannah for having a great attitude to her learning in Year 1 and being a fantastic friend!

Seahorse Keegan-Jae for his super handwriting and great start to Year 1! Well done Keegan, keep it up

Dolphin George for showing a super grown up attitude on his return to school and putting maximum effort into all his work

Stingray Elliot-Lee for his amazing perseverance to get his handwriting just right, using his sentence structure and detail when writing his post-card

Lobster Jacob for his enthusiasm in every lesson this week. He has contributed some fantastic ideas with the class. Well done Jacob!

Puffer Fish Blake for coming back to school with a positive and creative attitude to learning. Blake has contributed to whole class learning and encouraged his peers into discussions in whole class reading. Extremely proud, keep it up !

Shark Lexi-Rose for showing a great amount of resilience and perseverance through the first week back. We are so proud. Keep it up Lexi!

Sea Otter Harvey for being an amazing, responsible, settled and mature member of the class during the first week back! Thank you!

Whale Nicolla for a brilliant and positive start of the new school year and being enthusiastic in all her lessons

