



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

16th September 2022



Headteacher Update

Diary Dates

September

27th Parents Community Hub
10.30-11.30am

4th October 1:30pm Sensory
Processing Differences Parent
Workshop, lead by Sensory OT
Beverley.

30th Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

24-28th Half Term Holidays

November

18th Children in Need

25th Training Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our KS1 & KS2 pupils experienced how we pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during our PSHCE Assembly on Monday. Pupils watched Her Majesty and Paddington bear from the Jubilee celebrations and the school shared a minute of reflection. For our more formal learners, they have talked about change in our world and incorporated British Values into their provision across the week. Please see attached online a short social story called 'School is closed to say goodbye to the Queen.'

Our first Parent's Community Hub is taking place on 27th September, this is an informal coffee club for parents to meet one another and have time to chat with our Wellbeing Team. I will always pop into these sessions to hear hot topics, support the partnerships across the City of York and bordering areas. I am looking forward to hearing about the positive impact from the summer holiday events.

If you would like to attend the Sensory Processing parents workshop, please call the main office on 01904 806655 to book a place. We will run this workshop throughout the academic year. The aim of the session is to support your knowledge and understanding of what sensory processing is and how to support children who require strategies to help keep them happy and well-regulated.

This week in our celebration assembly, we celebrated the golden moments of the year so far...each class contributed by sharing their wow moments, the photographs evidenced

the high levels of engagement, positive relationships between staff and pupils and the developing friendships that will blossom across the term. Just a reminder about our swap shop. If you have any spare uniform you'd like to donate or are in need of additional uniform (not that you know how messy learning experiences can be at HMO) please get in touch with Caroline from our Web Team, c.anderson@ebor.academy.

Our old minibus has finally moved from our main entrance, please can parents who are 'meeting and greeting' staff on a morning and evening please gather to the side of the school entrance, where the bus would usually be parked. We have ordered signage to identify this space as 'HMO Parents Meet & Greet Zone'.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, see you all on Tuesday.



Olivia

Blossoms

Blossoms learners have made a fantastic start to school life and are spending their time getting familiar with the new environment, peer group and staff team. We are already seeing relationships forming and some lovely interactions with their wider phase peer group during playtimes. This week we have introduced some core nursery rhymes for this half term and we are using song spoons and symbols to encourage learners to make requests and lead this session. Humpty Dumpty seems to be a firm favourite already.

Our learners also embraced the sunshine and chance to explore the sensory garden this week and showed great curiosity in what the space offered- texture, smells and we even bumped into another lovely class and shared some special moments. Bucket time has been gently demonstrated to learners and brought about lots of interest from the learners who were quick to gather and come and see what was going on- the flying spinning top got the biggest smiles. Every class has a communication book for learners to access and already we have seen individuals asking for staff to support them in using this to find themselves and explore the photos and symbols inside- what a bunch of Superstars we have!





Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week



Millie Austin (Boughs TA) for representing both Hob Moor Oaks and Ebor Academy Trust this week.

Becky Thompson, hairdresser is available to come into school on Friday 23rd September. Please update the care diary to inform class teams if you have arranged a haircut. Contact Becky on 07793432898 (£8.00 per cut)



Happy Birthday this week to: Theo

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 or 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



City Screen- Autism Friendly Screening

The Lego Movie is to be screened on Sunday 18th September the screening will start promptly at 11.15am. All tickets for this show cost £3.00. Please could wheelchair users book in advance so they can have enough spaces available. Please contact the cinema, if you should have any special requirements on 01904 612940 or email cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk. Thank you



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