



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 13th January 2023



### Headteacher Update

#### Diary Dates

##### January

18th Lea Green Parents Meeting– 6.00pm  
24th Makaton Level 1 for parents/carers—**FULLY BOOKED!**  
26th School Production  
27th School Production

##### February

3rd NSPCC Number Day

##### March

1st-3rd Lea Green Group 1  
**3rd** HMO World Book Celebration (National 2nd)  
**16th Mother's Day open afternoon**  
21st/22nd Parents Evening  
31st Easter Eggstravaganza!

Happy Friday to you all. This week we've received a response from a school in Ghana. When we changed our reading scheme in March last year, we sent our old books to a school in Africa via a church link in Clifton, York. The feedback has been wonderful, the teachers in Ghana have shared that they are overwhelmed with the support and have never had the opportunity to offer a whole reading scheme to their pupils. We are so pleased to know our old books are helping others! Thank you to Paula T for arranging this.

Thank you to Gemma for leading our Y6 Lea Green meeting, it is always an exciting time for us in school to prepare both parents and pupils for our 'school holiday'. PLEASE ask all your questions, we fully acknowledge it is a daunting prospect for many, and often the first time your children have ever slept in a different bed. We passionately believe that our pupils deserve the opportunity to experience a school residential and accessible outdoor pursuit activities such as high ropes, stream walking, zip line, abseiling just like their siblings and friends in mainstream settings would experience.

Don't forget to RSVP to the school productions via the care diary. It's important we know numbers for seating arrangements and fire regulations. We are very excited for you to see the children shine!

Have a lovely weekend, Olivia

Olivia



### Blossoms



Blossoms have started the term by immersing themselves in some jungle themed learning, in preparation for their upcoming performance based around *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. They have been getting to know all the animals that feature, giving the monkey, frog and snake extra attention to inspire their learning.

Not only have we been sharing the book and playing I spy using symbols to communicate what we spot as we 'walk' through the book together the whole curriculum and provision has reflected our interest in the story.



Learners have been working their fingers hard threading and using their fine motor skills to create our own snakes of all different sizes and patterns. They've learnt about the sound snakes make during our bucket phonics session and enjoyed mark making in s...s...sand and s...s...slime creating lots of squiggles using different tools.

On Tuesdays the children have been exploring camouflage colours to create some jungle themed artwork with Mollie, identifying colours and patterns to produce their own unique design, the jungle is full of colour, it really inspired our learners to express themselves, communicating in lots of different ways.

It no surprise with all the energy our learners have that they have loved learning all about frogs. Developing their jumping skills further, learners were introduced to the trampettes. They showed amazing control and independence in their movement, helping build strong muscles in our legs just like a frog.

We responded to this interest further in provision by using instruments to try and make frogs jump whilst also learning about how to change sounds; making loud and quiet sounds and fast and slow—there were frogs flying everywhere!

Everyone is very excited to share their learning with everyone more in a couple of week!





# Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week



Paula Thomas for arranging for our lovely reading books to be re-homed to a school in Ghana.



Happy Birthday this week to:  
Leo & Georgie-Mai



# Fun & Games with Hob Moor Oaks



## City Screen- Autism Friendly Screening

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile is to be screened on Sunday 15th January. The screening will start promptly at 11.15am. All tickets for this show cost £3.30. 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](mailto:cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk) Thank you.



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Day 2023  
Friday 3rd February  
Take part in Dress up for Digits and have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support our services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline.  
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