



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

15th September 2023



Happy Friday everyone. This week we are thankful for the cooler weather - managing sensory differences is much easier when we have a cool breeze coming through our classroom windows.

This week our OT has visited to observe some of our new starters to develop school based sensory diets.

If you have received a consent form, please complete it & return it ASAP to get our support up and running.

Our swimming pool opened this week. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the class timetable and send your child's swim kit in weekly. For KS2 pupils (who do not require a hydrotherapy pool), our swimming offer differs slightly as the pupils access the local leisure centre, Energise. Your class teachers will inform you of when your child will receive this offer and gain permission for this weekly visit.

As many of you know, snack is an important time for many pupils, certainly our 'pupil voice' would not want us to change our twice daily snack offer! However, as food prices increase, we need to be mindful of our in-school offer. Please see Parent Pay to provide your contribution for snack provision. If you would prefer to send your child's snack choices into school in their packed lunches, please do so and liaise with the class teacher. Our school offer consists of dry items such as breadsticks and rice cakes, and soft options such as snap and dissolve crisps, & smooth yoghurts.

I hope you are all enjoying your tapestry evidence as much as I am. Already there are so many examples of building meaningful relationships. Nicky Ellis and I popped to Applefields to check in with our Y7s this morning. It was so heart-warming to be greeted with smiles, hugs and conversations from so many of our leavers. A very lovely way to end our second week of the Autumn term.

Diary Dates

5th October Special Lunch menu day

9th November Makaton Level 1 Parent Course

17th November Children In Need

Next week is my final week in work (as long as baby agrees, I'm currently 37 weeks!) Sarah Taylor is covering my maternity leave. We have worked closely together to ensure we have a smooth transition to ensure the school builds on it's strengths throughout the academic year.

Olivia



Woods



We have just finished our second week of the new school year and Woods' class have settled brilliantly into their learning routines.

We are exploring numbers in Mathematical development and enjoying our phonics lessons. We are enjoying reading our class book 'Tidy' and have been helping Pete the badger, from our book, tidy the forest.

We are thinking about people who help us in our role play area and exploring action art in Expressive Arts and Design. We made forest fruit crumble in food technology and enjoyed our first MATP, swimming and sensory theatre sessions of the year!



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Ian Wilson for keeping everyone safe in our very busy car park!

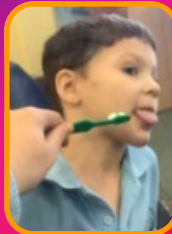


City Screen- Autism Friendly Screening

The **Little Mermaid** is to be screened on Sunday 24th September. The screening will start promptly at 11.00am. 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
Thank you.



WELCOME BACK!



Golden Leaf Award 15th September

- Seedlings** Jos for working so hard on his signing. Well done Jos
- Blossoms** Myles for completing his workstation every day.
- Green Shoots** Esme for having fantastic transitions into, around & out of school! We are all so impressed with you Esme, well done!
- Twigs** Lily & Dacie-Lou for using their imaginations to engage in fantastic role play with a friend.
- Saplings** Noah for sitting on a conventional chair at lunchtime & assembly.
- Branches** Joey for a fantastic start to the year & coming into school with a smile. Well done Joey!
- Buds** Mason for settling into his new class & eating beautifully in the school hall.

- Roots** Ignas for recognising adult faces on his communication book quickly.
- Trunks** Leo for using his big voice to interact with the new team & new friends!
- Boughs** Harry for communicating brilliantly with new members of staff when he needs to go to the toilet.
- Oak Leaves** Joel for settling in brilliantly & for being helpful at playtime. Well done Joel.
- Catkins** George for adapting to his new classroom & joining in with all the activities.
- Woods** Oliver for settling into his new class and confidently using his voice to communicate his needs.
- Oak Trees** Keyleanne for fantastic creative play using lots of small world toys.

Olivia's Outstanding Award

All pupils in Hob Moor Oaks for their successful transitions into school following their summer holidays. We are all very proud of you!

