



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

13th October 2023



Headteacher Update

Diary Dates

- 20th October** Harvest Festival
- 27th October** Halloween Party
- 30th October - 3rd November** Half Term Holidays
- 9th November** Makaton Level 1 Parent Course
- 17th November** Children In Need

This week has seen the start of our Forest Phase educational visits to the Gateway Café in Acomb. Next week and the final week of term, Forest and Orchard phase will be taking part in their visits to Acomb Library and Morrisons. I look forward to hearing all about these curriculum visits over the next few weeks. Phase Leaders and Class Teachers have worked hard to plan these to ensure that they are successful learning visits which extend, and build on, the learning which has been taking place in the classroom this half term.

On Thursday I attended the Ebor Heads Conference. Part of this was Shona Morgan, our Outreach Teacher, sharing the SEND training package, which Hob Moor Oaks offers, with all of the Headteachers. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the good practice which we have in school, but also to signpost others to the training we can offer them. From the feedback, it sounds like Shona's training will be very well attended in the future!

Shona and I also took the opportunity to visit Applefields to catch up with our Year 7 leavers after our Heads Conference. It was lovely to see not only the children who left us in July, but also those from the last few years. We visited over lunchtime so we saw lots of familiar faces.

On Monday, the drop-in session with Nicola Inglis, the CYC Short Breaks Coordinator, was very well attended by parents and carers. I am sure those who attended would agree that they found the information shared around the changes to the 100 hours very useful. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like further information, please contact the school WEB team.

This week a letter will be sent out to our Year 6 families about the Year 6 Residential Parents Meeting which will be taking place after half term. Our Year 6 Residential takes place at Lea Green in Derbyshire during the spring and summer terms. Here's a link if you want to see where our children visit for 3 days and 2 nights! <https://leagreen.derbyshire-outdoors.org/>

Have a wonderful weekend, hopefully the autumnal weather will stay sunny and warm.

Sarah

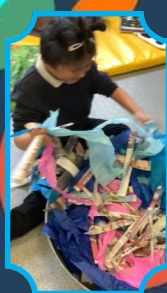


Trunks



In Trunks class we have been working so hard on showing our interests! Our favourite way to do this is in our "Art and Sound Poetry" sessions! Here's us making some great noises, and telling some great stories with our noises and what we think they sound like!

We are loving our cognition play as well as our communication games! We use these to work on our sharing, and cause and effect understanding! We work hard in Trunks class to make sure we are heard and get what we want, and especially love getting messy!



Happy Birthday this week to:

Logan G & Louie J



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Rachel and Nina for stepping up to lead Blossoms to ensure class routines and learning are continued during teacher absence.

Football Fundraiser Sunday 19th November

One of our Oak's Grandparents has kindly organised a football match against 'Jorvik City' to raise funds for our children to visit Santa this year! Please do share the fundraising link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Jorvik-City-Hob-Moor?utm_term=PMK9ayE78

There are still places on the 'Hob Moor' team so if anyone would like to play, please get in touch with the school.

We recently sent home **student update forms** for parents to check and return to school. To ensure we hold the correct contact information and parental permissions for your child please check the details and amend as necessary. Please return forms to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Still places available!

MAKATON LEVEL 1 TRAINING

Thursday 9th November 9.00am - 3.00pm
at Hob Moor Oaks School
Cost: £20 (course manual)

Learn all about the Makaton Language Programme

The session includes:

- Discussing commonly asked questions
- Hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use
- How to start using Makaton in everyday situations

You will also learn the signs and symbols from Stages 1 & 2 and some additional Core Vocabulary

Come learn in a relaxed and friendly environment



To secure a place please pay via ParentPay



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and search for: Hob Moor Oaks

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older.

City Screen - Autism Friendly Screening

Hotel Transylvania is to be screened on **Sunday 15th October**. 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 Thank you.

Becky Thompson, hairdresser, is available to come into school on **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th October**. Please update the care diary to inform class teams if you have arranged a haircut. Contact Becky on 7793432898 (£10.00 per cut)



Golden Leaf Award 13th October

Seedlings	Albie for super colour tent work.
Blossoms	William for having a lovely intensive interaction session on the swing in soft play.
Green Shoots	Daniel for lovely playing outside with the ball, bounce passing to other adults and children!
Twigs	Brody for lovely interactions with adults in class and great focus in our Bucket Time sessions!
Saplings	Alfie for fantastic communication and working really hard during his swimming session. Well done Alfie!
Branches	Lenny for using a single exchange successfully across the week to request snack items and bubbles.
Buds	Tommy for acting out parts of a story - excellent acting!

Roots	Riley for engaging beautifully in our sensory story.
Trunks	Hussein for great responses to friends in sound poetry!
Boughs	Harry for using tools to support his regulation in class!
Oak Leaves	Isaac for working hard to reduce the size of his writing and for completing his morning writing task independently!
Catkins	Olivier for fantastic ordering of our class story.
Woods	William for fantastic number work.
Oak Trees	Jack for enthusiastically engaging in learning this week.

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Max for Writing fantastic sentences about "The Rainbow Fish" and then reading them verbally.