



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

27th October 2023



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Headteacher Update

Well, what a busy first term of 2023/24!

We are so proud to have welcomed and settled 30 new children and families into our school community. This term our pupils have had successful community visits across all phases. Any that had to be cancelled will be rescheduled next term. This is all in addition to the wonderful thematic learning which has been taking place across the school around "All about me!"

This morning it was wonderful to see so many children in their Halloween outfits ready for the party this afternoon. This included witches, spiders, cats and skeletons. Hopefully the rain will stay away until the end of the school day!

Over the last few weeks we have commissioned a new mural in the school reception area. I am sure you will agree that it is a lovely new feature to welcome children and visitors into the school each day.

As we end the school term, we say "Goodbye" to Lynn, one of our Health Care Assistants, who leaves HMO today. We will miss her and wish her lots of luck!

Thank you for all your support during this busy half term. Enjoy your holiday, Halloween and all things Guy Fawkes. We look forward to starting new topics and learning with your children, and the start of the Christmas festivities on our return!

Diary Dates

30th October - 3rd November Half Term Holidays

9th November Makaton Level 1 Parent Course

17th November Children In Need

28th/29th November Parents Evening



Sarah



Branches

This week Branches have enjoyed all things Halloween.

They have made spooky bat and ghost biscuits, played in the orange rice sensory tray and practiced counting when making playdough pumpkins.

Happy Halloween everyone!





Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Catkins Team for amazing teamwork and classroom provision.

Happy Birthday this week to:

JJ, Jos & Ignas



We also wish a Happy Birthday to:

Harry R & Mason

who will be celebrating birthdays during the half-term holiday.



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.

Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be giving poppies to our children. If you would like to make a small donation to help support the Armed Forces and their families, please send donations in with your child to help us raise money for the poppy appeal during the run up to Remembrance Sunday. Thank you.



As part of our school lunch on **Friday 17th November**, Pudsey Biscuits will be served instead of Fresh Fruit to celebrate **Children in Need**.

Children in Need
2023



We recently sent home **student update forms** for parents to 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.

Golden Leaf Award 27th October

Seedlings	Maeve for using her lovely clear voice to make herself heard.
Blossoms	Ibrahim for really good sensory exploration.
Green Shoots	Matas for brilliant sitting during snack & lunch times.
Twigs	Joshy for making amazing progress with self-care and independence!
Saplings	Otis for great engagement in our communication sessions.
Branches	Kobe for gaining confidence when transitioning to different places around school.
Buds	Jaxon for spreading his infectious smile around school!

Roots	Frank for amazing vocalisations in the mornings when settling into class.
Trunks	Leo for great independent sitting work each morning.
Boughs	Sam for learning new routines during his first full week at Hob Moor Oaks!
Oak Leaves	Joey for sharing resources with his friends.
Catkins	Harry for practising his jumping skills & persevering with all tasks in PE.
Woods	Harrison for a fantastic attitude to learning.
Oak Trees	Skylar for doing great reading!

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Arlo for a fantastic first half term at Hob Moor Oaks.