



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

29th September 2023



Headteacher Update

Today we welcomed a group of Principals, Directors of Education and Head Teachers to visit Hob Moor Oaks and Hob Moor Primary with Ebor's Director of Education. It was wonderful to be able to share with them the uniqueness of both schools as a Federation and also the amazing work which we do within the school, community and the Local Authority. They were all very interested in our specialist curriculum, branch map assessment and the classroom provision within the school for all of our pupils. Hopefully we will be able to make some new links with other special schools across the country to network and share our expertise, and also learn about them.

Our Phase Leaders are working hard to plan for curriculum visits this half term. These will be linked to our "Preparation for Life" curriculum and also our progressive curriculum through school. Please look out for letters coming home in the next week or two with more information about these visits.

Just a reminder that as the weather is interchangeable at the moment, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothes for the conditions. Class teams are more than happy to have an extra set of wet weather clothes, including wellies, in the classroom if you would like to send a set in to stay in school!

Just a reminder that we have Flu immunisations on **Thursday 19th October**. Please use the link shared by the admin team if you would like your child to have their immunisation.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Hopefully the lovely weather will continue for a few more days.

Diary Dates

5th October Special Lunch menu day

9th November Makaton Level 1 Parent Course

17th November Children In Need



Sarah

Catkins

What a fun week we have had in Catkins!

On Monday we enjoyed exploring the different trays around school for Language Day.

In class we have continued to do work around our class text, "Tidy". We've had fun exploring our sensory story and worked hard at making sentences linked to the story!



Happy Birthday this week to:

Riley N & Rose

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Lynn and Rhianne for all of their hard work getting to know new pupils and establishing new routines in their HCA role!

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)



- Seedlings** Gabriel for super interactions & exploration during languages day.
- Blossoms** Tommie for getting stuck into every activity.
- Green Shoots** Henry for sitting beautifully and focusing well during attention autism!
- Twigs** Theo for engaging with lots of different types of communication.
- Saplings** Evan for telling us about an exciting event by answering yes and no questions. Evan told us about his ride on the water wheel boat with great enthusiasm. Well done Evan!!
- Branches** Bodhi for engaging with phonics and literacy sessions this week. Bodhi enjoyed making "I see" sentences from the rainbow fish story. Great work Bodhi.
- Buds** Elliott for using pecs at snack time.

Golden Leaf Award 29th September

- Roots** William for joining in enthusiastically in our communication sessions this week.
- Trunks** Oscar for excellent friendship skills and signing in our communication games.
- Boughs** Arthur for using his pecs book to symbol exchange during snack and communication.
- Oak Leaves** Louie for brilliant participation on Languages Day!
- Catkins** Phoenix for great doctor role play in class.
- Woods** Mira for being kind to her friends when they are sad.
- Oak Trees** Lucas for engaging with our story and doing great work in workstations!

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Louis for beautiful interaction with peers & staff during transitions around school.

