



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

6th October 2023

Headteacher Update



Well, what another busy week it has been at Hob Moor Oaks!

There are some wonderful learning opportunities taking place within the classrooms around their themes. Across the school we have observed such high levels of engagement, along with the impact of visual support strategies which are in place within our classrooms. Many children across the school use 'green to red' timetables to provide visual instruction. This helps children to understand what is happening now and next but also gives reassurance for transitions. We would love to generalise these strategies to help manage behaviours or consolidate skills learnt in school. I am sure you will see many 'green to red' timetables on photos within Tapestry observations. If you have any tricky times during your evenings or weekends, and would like help with visual support and symbols, please let the teachers know via the Care Diary.

Just a reminder that we are hosting a drop in session with Nicola Inglis, the Short Breaks Co-ordinator, on **Monday 9th October** between **09:45 - 11:30** to discuss changes to the 100 hours with parents/carers. Everyone is welcome to come along to this drop-in session. The WEB team will also be available at this time.

Over the last 2 weeks we have had an unprecedented number of staff absences in school. This has in turn stretched our capacity in classes, and unfortunately the agency staff who we would usually call upon have also had a huge amount of absence. Please can we ask that if your child is unwell, you do not send them into school as we are trying to contain our colds and viruses as much as possible.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, including new families, join us this morning for our Golden Leaf assembly, where there were so many wonderful achievements celebrated.

Our school Harvest Festival will take place in the final week before half term. You will be receiving a letter about donations from home and the charities which our donations will be supporting.

Sarah



Diary Dates

30th October - 3rd November Half Term Holidays

9th November Makaton Level 1 Parent Course

17th November Children In Need

28th/29th November Parent Evening

Boughs



In Boughs class we have been getting to know our class text "The Rainbow Fish". We have read the story and explored the colours of the Rainbow Fish through art. We've used different mark making materials to experiment with colour and creating our own pieces of art work.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Gracie-Mae, Albie & Skylar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Charlotte B for sharing her knowledge of what makes a fantastic provision.

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)



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



Golden Leaf Award 6th October

Seedlings	Louis for beginning to use symbols to indicate "more" and "stop" during meal and snack times.
Blossoms	Jasper for a positive first swim session.
Green Shoots	Fentyn for fantastic extended focus and sharing when engaging with play dough!
Twigs	Asher for great phonics work.
Saplings	Milena for wonderful vocalisations and showing her excitement when surrounded by her friends.
Branches	Max for fantastic engagement in phonics and sensory story sessions.
Buds	Luke for adapting so well to new routines and transitioning around school brilliantly.

Roots	Fletcher for confidently exploring more areas in his new school.
Trunks	Athena for sharing her space and toys with Katie during play.
Boughs	Louie for joining in with attention autism in a small group in the work room!
Oak Leaves	Poppy for joining in with our class text 'Tidy' and for writing a speech bubble for the main character. Great work Poppy!
Catkins	Leon for kind hands in the classroom and outside areas.
Woods	Aaron for using his voice to say his name in Oro-Motor sessions.
Oak Trees	Florence for fantastic learning throughout the week and great baking!

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Jake for showing bravery and making everyone proud.