



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

17th November 2023



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we have celebrated Children in Need with a non-uniform day and lots of spotty activities within the classroom. Thank you for your donations, we will share with you how much we raised next week.

This week Gemma, Laura and I met with lots of our Year 6 families to talk about the Residential to Lea Green in the summer term; thank you to those families who attended. It was lovely to share our wonderful past experiences of Lea Green, and answer parent's questions & encourage you all to give consent for the visit. As part of our whole school fundraising for opportunities, including Lea Green, we take part in the Your School Lottery. Please visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hob-moor-oaks-academy> to buy your tickets and help us to raise funds for school. If you have grandparents, family members or friends of the school who would like to support this, then please send them the link!

On Wednesday, we had a whole school training session with Shelley Nicol, Senior Teacher for the Deaf and Hearing Support Team, around Hearing Impairments & the support that she, and her team, provides for children in school.

Parents evenings will take place on 28th & 29th November. These will be 15 minute face to face appointments between you and the class teacher. Please book a slot with your child's class teacher via the Care diary.

Please look out for the poster, coming via ParentHub, confirming Christmas events. We were just waiting for confirmation from Father Christmas and his reindeer friends that they could make a visit to school before we shared the dates with you. You will also see that Orchard Phase have their Christmas Shows in December this year. Woodland and Forest Phase will have their performances in January and more details, including dates & themes, will be shared closer to the time.



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Diary Dates

November:

28th/29th Parent Evening

December:

4th Christingle Assembly 9:30am

8th Training Day

11th HMO Christmas Fair 10am—3pm

14th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

14th Orchard Phase Christmas Show 10am

15th Orchard Phase Christmas Show 1:30pm

21st Phase Christmas Parties

22nd Whole School Sing-along 2pm

Twigs

This week, Twigs have enjoyed learning a new story, 'One Snowy Night'.

We have also worked on our number skills in Maths, using the iPads to learn number songs and rhymes.

Twigs have enjoyed some Diwali celebrations this week where we listened to music, played instruments, painted using a lot of bright colours and made marks in glitter & flour! What a busy, messy and fun-filled week!





Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Sewells & the Kitchen Team for amazing team work when faced with a challenge right before lunchtime!

Happy BIRTHDAY!

to Tilly, Tom & Reuben D



Theatre for everyone!

SCAN THE CODE FOR TICKETS!

Relaxed Performance

THU 4 JAN 2024, 14:00 AGE GUIDANCE 3+

IF YOU HAVE LEARNING OR SENSORY DISABILITIES, OR CARE FOR SOMEONE WHO DOES, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE TO ATTEND A REGULAR THEATRE PERFORMANCE.

WE ARE ADAPTING ELEMENTS OF THIS YEAR'S PANTO TO REDUCE ANXIETY OR STRESS, WITH AN ATMOSPHERE AND ATTITUDE IN THE AUDITORIUM THAT MAKES EVERYONE FEEL SAFE AND COMFORTABLE.



INVITATION

Come & meet **Lavinia Bell**,
Wheelchair Liason Officer, at a
Parents Group on **Wednesday
22nd November** at **St Aldreds
Community Centre**, Tanghall
YO31 0PN.

Christmas Hampers & Gifts

If you would be interested in receiving a Christmas food hamper or help with Christmas presents this year please email Caroline on c.anderson@ebor.academy



City Screen - Autism Friendly Screening

Elemental is to be screened on **Sunday 19th November**. 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.

Becky Thompson, hairdresser, is available to come into school on **Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th December**. 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 17th November

Seedlings	Emma for showing awareness of routine during class times and meal times.	Roots	Ignas for enthusiastically taking part in learning activities this week.
Blossoms	Tommie for being very kind by helping his friend when he was upset!	Trunks	Katie for choosing to sit in her chair for the whole of the assembly.
Green Shoots	Daniel for his fantastic positive attitude towards school!	Boughs	Harry for showing good manners; saying "Please" and "Thank you" at snack times.
Twigs	Elizabeth for always confidently welcoming new people into our classroom with a big smile!	Oak Leaves	Logan for great listening skills when joining in a rhythm game in music!
Saplings	Arlo for fantastic work in soft play.	Catkins	Phoenix for fantastic engagement in our weekly science sessions.
Branches	Joe for being happy and settled in class, and engaging in more provision activities.	Woods	Matilda for working really hard on her speech sounds in phonics lessons.
Buds	Arlo for an amazing first half term.	Oak Trees	Leyton for his love of books and doing beautiful reading!

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Evan for using his core strength to keep himself sat up straight to welcome a visitor into class.