

Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

24th November 2023



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks members of the leadership team have been in many of the classrooms across school for learning looks. It has been wonderful to see the progression and development of our school curriculum and classroom learning environments. We have seen the children learning and engaging within the classroom and focused teacher activities. We have seen lessons such as phonics, sound poetry, science and maths to name a few.

A big thank you to Shona, Wendy and Sarah S, who have been delivering some in-house training for Makaton and Moving and Handling over the last few weeks. We really benefit from having them within our school as trainers to train our school team, although our more recent training also included colleagues from other schools.

Over the last few weeks we have seen an increase in children being unwell at school, which in turn has led to staff absence. Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhea, then they should be off school for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness or diarrhea. All families received our Hob Moor Oaks HERO Attendance information when their child joined school in September, or during the last academic year. This details illnesses and, if necessary, the time children will need to be off school.

We look forward to welcoming families to Parents Evening on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November; this will be held in the hall. If you would like to meet with our Wellbeing Team in addition to your meeting with the class teacher, please let your child's class teacher know and they will speak with the team about this.

Have a lovely weekend; hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

Sarah



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

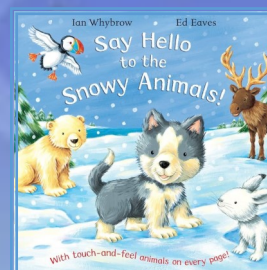
22nd Whole School Sing-along 2pm

Buds

Buds have been enjoying our new topic "Winter Wonderland".

We have been listening to our new class text "Say Hello to the Snowy Animals", counting penguins and snowballs in maths, and saving animals from ice.

We have many more wintery themed learning activities planned over the coming weeks!





Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Richard for fantastic lesson observation feedback from an external observer!



to Leo J & Gabriel



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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.anderson1@ebor.academy



Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

Main Meal

Traditional Roast Turkey served with Pigs in Blankets, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetarian Option

Roasted Vegetable Wellington served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Seasonal Vegetables

Carrots, Garden Peas and Brussels Sprouts

Dessert

Festive Iced Chocolate Sponge

The menu for Christmas Lunch is now on ParentPay. Please log on to book your child's meal in the normal way by Wednesday 6th December. We are not able to book a meal after this date.

If you have previously booked a meal for your child on this day, please rebook for this meal as the original booking will now be lost.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who donated and helped us raise a fantastic £452.39 for Children In Need. Well done everyone!



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 24th November

Seedlings	Gabriel for movement and sound on the peanut ball in the sensory room.
Blossoms	Elliott for joining all the group sessions.
Green Shoots	Henry for fantastic number and quantity matching up to 5!
Twigs	Lily for fantastic engagement with learning activities this week, and for remembering our class rules. Good work Lily!
Saplings	Milena for excellent joining in with our sensory story. Milena created the knocking on the door sound independently at the right time in the story by banging her hand on her tray. Well done Milena!
Branches	Joey for increased confidence with his personal care when at school.

Buds	Mason for excellent attention skills completing up to stage 4 in attention autism sessions.
Roots	Frank for his wonderful engagement in maths sessions this week.
Trunks	Athena for communicating her choices with consistent sounds and emerging signs! Great work Athena!!
Boughs	Theo for moving symbols from green to red on task plans to support his focus learning.
Oak Leaves	Jake for super signing and helping his friends in Makaton.
Catkins	Olivier for fantastic independent walking around school when completing the Pudsey hunt.
Woods	Harry for participating & enjoying his PE session this week.
Oak Trees	Keyleanne for learning new Makaton signs!

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Riley for verbally requesting "apple" alongside a symbol sentence.