



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

15th December 2023



Headteacher Update

What a week of wonderful festive celebrations at Hob Moor Oaks.

It started with our Christmas Fayre which included a snow storm, and Father Christmas and his reindeers! The anticipation, awe and wonder on the children's faces was amazing. The reindeers also created a special entrance in Hob Moor Primary's Christmas Concert as they arrived in school through the hall!!!

We have ended our week with two beautiful Christmas performances by Orchard Phase; our youngest children in school. I am sure those that attended will agree that all of your children were amazing and shone. A huge thank you and well done to all of the staff involved. If you have any feedback about the performance please share this with class teams via the care diary or email the school office.

On Saturday we are very excited to be part of the YIKS Christmas Carol Service at York Minster. This is a wonderful event to be involved in, and we look forward to seeing lots of children and families there.

We have recently had some families asking for more information about our Phases in school in particular the Phase their child is in. Our Phases have replaced "Key Stages" within the school. We have 3 Phases starting with our youngest children in Orchard, progressing through Woodland and into Forest Phase. Each Phase has 5 classes and is overseen by a Phase Leader. At the start of the new term your Spring1 newsletter will have your child's phase on it.

Next Friday, 22nd December, is our Sing and Sign at 2pm. Come and join us in the hall for this final festive event of the school year. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers, headwear etc and we are more than happy for parents to take children home with them after the event. Please let your child's class team know by Thursday, via the care diary, if you will be attending so we can organise seats.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sarah



Diary

December:

- 21st Phase Christmas Parties
- 22nd Whole School Sing-along 2pm
- 22nd Last day of term

January:

- 8th First day of term

February:

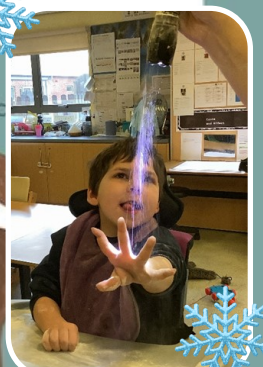
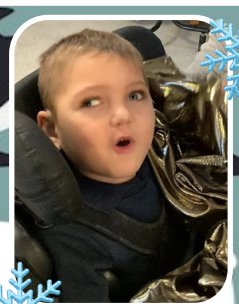
- 2nd Number day
- 7th Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals [AM]
- 9th Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals [PM]

Seedlings

This half term **Seedlings** class have enjoyed lots of seasonal arts and crafts, visits from the sensory movement team, physical development work and learning about our topic book, 'Say Hello to the Snowy animals'.

We learnt about a different animal each week. This included making our own Caribous from clay, Polar Bears with paper plates and exploring 'snow' in sensory exploration.

We have put lots of work into our Christmas performance and are very much looking forward to performing it.



Golden Leaf Award 15th December

Acorns	Reuben for being amazing with his transition into Acorns class.
Seedlings	Maeve for trying new foods & brushing her teeth.
Blossoms	All of Blossoms for a fantastic Christmas performance.
Green Shoots	Esme for trying on her onesie and wearing it for 30 minutes.
Twigs	Joshy for beginning to demonstrate patience and resilience in all aspects of our school day!
Saplings	Otis for fantastic independent sitting.
Branches	Kobe for trying new things – such as food and new textures on his skin.

Buds	Charlie for entering the pool safely & calmly.
Roots	Riley for wearing his jumper and shoes in school all week. Well done Riley!
Trunks	Gracie-Mae for sharing experiences with friends.
Boughs	Harry for working hard on using his knife and fork at dinner time this week!
Oak Leaves	Joel for brilliant progress in communicating, and for engaging in a story and asking if his friends could see the image in the book!
Catkins	George for continuing to develop his handwriting skills.
Woods	Alfie for courageously walking across the swing bridge on Woods class trip to Castle Howard.
Oak Trees	Florence for wearing her glasses while doing excellent reading!

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Phoenix for clearly communicating his favourite taxi "Grey one", when asked which one are you watching for, and following transitional instructions each morning when prompted by an adult that it is time for Catkins Class.



Thursday 18th January 2024

Mains

Beef Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn

or

Vegetable Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn

or

Jacket Potato with cheese & beans, cheese or beans

or

Tuna mayo wrap

Dessert

American Chocolate Brownie

We will be having an 'American Day' lunch menu on **Thursday 18th January**. If you would like to book a school meal for your child on this day please log onto ParentPay and make your booking in the normal way by **Wednesday 10th January**. *If you have already booked for this day please rebook for the American Day lunch as previous bookings will have been lost.*

Children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** are entitled to a universal infant free school meal and we invite them to try this meal. If your child in R, Y1 or Y2 usually has a packed lunch then they can still have that if they prefer.

City Screen – Autism Friendly Screening

The Muppet Christmas Carol is to be screened on **Sunday 17th December**. The screening will start promptly at **11.15am**. 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.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to last months Poppy Appeal. Thanks to your kind donations we have raised **£37.87** to help support the Armed forces and their families.



Evan C, Aaron, Alfie H, Blake, Harry J & Harrison



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Emma P for always taking time to listen.