



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

1st December 2023

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the weather has certainly started to change towards winter, with the frosty mornings and colder conditions. In school we work really hard to ensure that all children wear the right clothes for the weather. We have a social story which we use in school that can be shared with you to support your child at home. If you would like a copy of this social story, please ask your child's class teacher.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers in school for parents evening. These are key opportunities for conversations between home and school. They allow us to work together to update you on your child's learning and progress, along with the next steps.

Next Friday, **8th December**, is our whole school training day. We are looking forward to working with Andy Mellor and June Brade from SAS Wellbeing. They will focus on whole school staff wellbeing.

Today we launch our Makaton Advent Calendar on X (formerly Twitter). Each day we will share a new sign linked to Christmas. Make sure you follow us @hobmooroaks to see our daily Makaton Christmas sign. Don't forget to practice the signs and share with your family and friends!

Our Christmas Fayre is **Monday 11th December**. The times are 9:30am—11:30am and 1:30pm—2:30pm. The break will allow Father Christmas to have some lunch! We have been really fortunate this year to have a charity donation enabling all HMO children to visit Father Christmas at the fayre free of charge. If any parents would like to donate to this charity event, here is the link

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Jorvik-City-Hob-Moor?utm_term=PMK9ayE78

If siblings are attending the fayre and want to visit Santa, there will be a ticket cost of £3.00.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Sarah



Diary Dates

December:

- 4th** Christingle Assembly 9:30am
- 8th** Training Day
- 11th** HMO Christmas Fair 9.30am-11.30am and 1.30pm-2.30pm
- 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



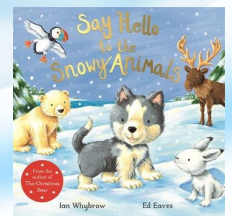
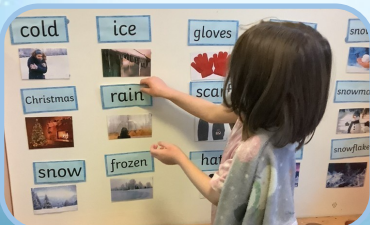
Green Shoots



This half term in Green Shoots our topic is "Winter Wonderland".

In literacy we have been looking at wintery words and making marks in a snowy sensory tray. We have explored snowmen in maths and we have all enjoyed exploring the changing seasons by spending time outside in the sensory garden. Our class sensory story is "Say Hello to the Snowy Animals". It has been lots of fun to meet the animals in the story.

We are all looking forward to more wintery fun as we lead up to Christmas.





Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Paula R for her enthusiasm for all the little swimmers in hydrotherapy.



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.

Vaccination UK are offering the following dates for catch up clinics to parents of children who were absent on the day they visited the school:

Monday 4th December

Wednesday 13th December

Friday 15th December



The clinics are held at **Regus House Clifton Moor YO30 4XL**. An appointment can be made by calling **01904 237680**.



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SEN CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE

16 December 2023

1:30-2.30PM



Everyone welcome

Entry is FREE but please prebook your tickets at <https://buytickets.at/yorkinspirationalkidscc/1078214>

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 1st December

Seedlings	Orion for trying so hard in physical development in his walking harness and on the trampoline.
Blossoms	Lily for writing the beautiful letters "S" and "P" in sensory materials during phonic sessions.
Green Shoots	Fentyn for using symbols to help him access lots of different areas of school
Twigs	Darcie-Lou for lovely participation and engagement in our daily phonics sessions.
Saplings	Georgie-Mai for lovely engagement in phonics and sensory story sessions.
Branches	Lenny for increasing his attention during one to one focus tasks.
Buds	Elliott for independently tidying away his rubbish at lunchtime.

Roots	Fletcher for fantastic participation and engagement during phonics sessions.
Trunks	Georgia for amazing standing, walking and experimenting with conventional chairs!
Boughs	Louie for engaging in sensory exploration with a variety of activities this week!
Oak Leaves	Poppy for being a kind friend at lunchtime by helping her friend cut their jacket potato.
Catkins	Harry for excellent Makaton signing during his school day!
Woods	William for independent personal care.
Oak Trees	Jack for wonderful participation in Attention Autism .

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Harry for clearly greeting Sarah by name on lots of occasions around school last week.