



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

19th January 2024



Headteacher Update

The change in weather this week did not stop our learning taking place outside. The sudden snow flurry on Tuesday morning meant some lovely excitement over lunchtime. Please remember to make sure that your child comes into school wearing the appropriate clothes for the weather. We can send home social stories for you to share with your child about wearing coats, wellies etc. If you need them, please let your class teacher know.

Just a reminder that "Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals" will be the following Phases: **Woodland** (Twigs, Saplings, Branches, Boughs & Roots) and **Forest** (Trunks, Woods, Catkins, Oak Leaves & Oak Trees). All classes will be in both performances.

Over the next few weeks our Year 6 families will be receiving more information about the date of their child's residential visit. We are starting to plan our fundraising events/opportunities to help keep the cost of the trip down. Please can families let Gemma Scoreby know if they have a contact that may be able to sponsor a pupil to go on the visit. She can then pass on a letter giving further details. We have also had a very generous donation from the uncle of one of our pupils, and his team at "BrightLocal", towards our residential. We are extremely grateful for this - thank you!

Shona is delivering a Makaton Level 1 training session on March 11th. Further details are on the back of this letter. These sessions are always really popular so please book early to avoid disappointment. As usual, booking is through ParentPay

And finally, please check the Diary Dates on the right so you know what is planned for your child over this Spring term.

Sarah



Diary Dates

February:

- 8th Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals 10am
- 9th Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals 1.30pm
- 9th Last day of term
- 12th - 16th Feb Half Term Holiday
- 19th First day of term
- 23rd Number Day—Change of date

March:

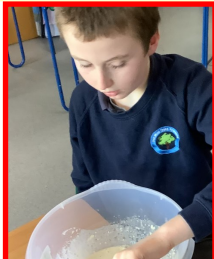
- 8th World Book Day
- 8th Share a story with "Mum" - Mother's Day Open Afternoon
- 11th Makaton Level 1 Parent Course
- 15th Comic Relief
- 22nd Last day of half term
- 25th March—5th April Easter Holiday

April:

- 8th First day of term

Woods

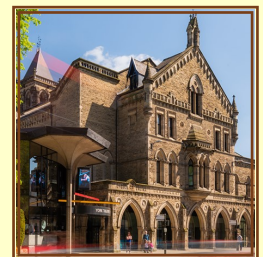
Woods class have been very busy preparing for our performance at the end of term. We are playing lots of Drama games, rehearsing and making props. Some of us have even visited York Theatre Royal!



We are thinking about Spring time in Music, and in Food Technology we are making pancakes and exploring all the different fillings we can have with them!



Writing



We are thinking about our emotions in Focused Sensory Massage sessions, and we can't forget our reading, writing and numeracy skills!





Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

James Wright for producing, directing & choreographing our performance.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Georgie-Mai, Lucas & Joey M-B



MAKATON LEVEL 1 TRAINING

Monday 11 March 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

Becky Thompson, hairdresser, is available to come into school on **Wednesday 24th January**. Please update the care diary to inform class teams if you have arranged a haircut. Contact Becky on 07793 432898 (£10.00 per cut)



City Screen – Autism Friendly Screening

Chicken Run—Dawn of the Nugget is to be screened on **Sunday 21st January**. 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.



Golden Leaf Award 19th January

Seedlings	Jos for swimming on his back and getting his hair wet in the pool.
Blossoms	William for engaging with adults and seeking them out for activities and songs.
Green Shoots	Esme for her excellent maths and wearing her onesie for longer in class.
Twigs	Elizabeth for making progress in tolerating her new hearing aids!
Saplings	Evan for brilliant cause and effect work.
Branches	Joey for fantastic engagement during phonics and reading sessions this week.
Buds	Alec for making great progress with his workstation.

Roots	Rowan for excellent engagement in phonics sessions this week.
Trunks	Katie for actively seeking out interactions and dancing during music!
Boughs	Lorenzo for fabulous engagement with tooth brushing and independently putting his toothbrush in his mouth!
Oak Leaves	Aaron for engaging in sensory phonics; practising forming letters.
Catkins	Leon for being calm and regulated during his school day!
Woods	Harrison for fantastic acting on the stage at the Theatre Royal.
Oak Trees	Alfie for using lots of words when playing and naming all the animals.
Acorns	Reuben for excellent engagement with shape work in maths.

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Orion for fantastic communication with the team when he wanted an adult to play with him.

