



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

26th January 2024



Headteacher Update



The weeks are just going by so quickly. It doesn't seem like three weeks since we returned to school.

Orchard Phase had some special visitors in school this week - Acomb Fire Brigade brought in one of their fire engines! It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the fire engine up close. Some children tried on helmets and some even sat inside the actual engine! Thank you to Paula and Wendy for organising this wonderful visit.

Please see the letter coming home to book your seats for "Hob Moor Oaks at the Musicals!" It is important that we know how many family members will be attending so that we can plan our seating. *There will be no Golden Leaf assembly on Friday 9th February due to the performance.*

This week Wendy, from Seedlings Class, has been on a MOVE Trainer Training course. Several classes use MOVE and work towards developing independent movement. As a school we celebrate pupils progress in their physical development skills during the summer term. We are excited to hear all about the course when Wendy returns to school on Monday.

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell and not coming into school then you need to contact the school office on **01904 806655** stating the reason for their absence. We shared a message earlier this week about cases of whooping cough in school. The first signs of whooping cough are similar to a cold, however the symptoms do change after a week. If your child is unwell with symptoms of whooping cough, please seek medical advice from a GP. Whooping cough is contagious but can be treated with antibiotics. Please note that pupils must remain off school for a minimum of 48 hours from starting antibiotics if it is a confirmed case of whooping cough.

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

Sarah



Oak Leaves

In Oak Leaves class we have been practising for our musical show!

We have been reading and learning about our class text 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

We have learnt Makaton signs for sea creatures and have created some under the sea artwork!



Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Laura for her passion & dedication to all aspects of life at HMO.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Caleb & Matas



CONNECT SERVICE

Join other children with additional needs and their families as we explore the story that God loves and knows everyone in a relaxed, friendly, safe and supportive environment.

Activity areas
Makaton Signing

Break out rooms for quiet time or sensory time

Fully wheelchair accessible

Changing Places facilities

Refreshments

Holy Redeemer Church, 108, Boroughbridge Road, YO26 6AB

Sunday 28th January, 3pm

Video of the site available to orientate yourselves before the day,

For more details or to get the video in advance please contact Rev. Mairi Taylor-Gibson at RevDeaconMairi@gmail.com



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



Golden Leaf Award 26th January

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| Seedlings | Albie for fantastic intentional communication for "more" when in the Sensory Room. |
| Blossoms | Tommie for being super helpful tidying the classroom when asked. |
| Green Shoots | Matas for playing well with new toys in the room and joining in with phonics. |
| Twigs | Rose for lovely interactions with friends & adults in class. |
| Saplings | Alfie for brilliant switch work - asking for more story to be read. |
| Branches | Bodhi for doing really well during his first haircut. |
| Buds | Jaxon for making great progress in attention autism sessions. |

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| Roots | Fletcher for initiating communication for favoured items and adult interactions (symbol exchange and intensive interaction). |
| Trunks | Georgia for lovely focus in communication games & also great standing. |
| Boughs | Louie for brilliant transitions around school. |
| Oak Leaves | Louie for great discussion in PSED - talking about how we change as we grow. |
| Catkins | Logan for working super hard with his letter formation when writing cvc words in phonics! |
| Woods | Cem for requesting a woggle to support himself in the pool, and using his arms and legs to travel for up to 5 metres without adult support. |
| Oak Trees | Jack for fully participating in baking and trying lots of new things three weeks in a row! |

Sarah's Outstanding Award

Elizabeth for tolerating her new equipment in the classroom and around school.

