



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 19th April 2024



### Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely long weekend with your children last weekend due to our training day on Friday 12th April.

This week we shared with you our **Summer Term 2024 Key Dates** as we want to give you as much notice as possible about up & coming events in school. We will continue to update the diary dates as and when things are booked. School visits and in-school experiences will also be happening during Summer Term 1 and 2, so look out for letters about what is happening for your child and their class.

During this week I've had the opportunity to join 2 class visits, one to Flamingo Land

### Makaton Revision

Practise signs and symbols from Stages 1-4 of the core vocabulary  
Fun games to reinforce your skills

**Monday 22 April 10am - 11am**  
**Tuesday 11 June 10am - 11am**

Come along to HMO's, meet other parents, have a cuppa (and biscuits!) and practice your signing. It doesn't matter if you haven't been using it yet.

Contact Shona to let her know you are coming:  
s.morgan1@ebor.academy

with Orchard Phase and the other to **Pendragon Multi-Sensory Centre** in Northallerton. Pendragon is a super place to visit and the children in Forest Phase have all

thoroughly enjoyed their trips there. I know there are a number of families who have already visited the centre and their feedback is really positive too. Please take a look at their website:  
<https://www.pendragon-ct.org/>

Please see Shona's poster for her **Parent Makaton Revision** sessions coming up this term. For more information please contact Shona.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Sarah



### Diary Dates

#### April:

22nd Parent Makaton Revision Session 10am - 11am

#### May:

6th May Day - school closed

24th Last day of half term

#### June:

3rd First day of half term

11th Parent Makaton Revision Session 10am - 11am

14th Special Men in our lives 1.45pm - 2.45pm

28th Training Day - school closed

#### July:

5th Sports Day [AM]

10th Meet the new class team 3.30pm - 5pm

17th Year 6 Leavers Celebration [AM]

18th Family Fun Day [PM]

### Green Shoots

This week Green Shoots have explored our topic 'Survival'. We have loved camping out in our class tent, making picnics and toasting marshmallows by the fire!





## Hob Moor Oaks Heroes of the Week

Sarah & Gemma for driving the buses for all this week's trips!

Sewells are looking for a casual cleaner.

For further information go to  
[Cleaner - York - Casual \(0\) Hours per week](#)  
[- Sewell Group \(workable.com\)](#)

**JOB VACANCY**

### City Screen Autism Friendly Screening

**Wish** is to be screened on **Sunday 21st April**. 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](mailto:cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk)



Thank you.

## Can you help Sam with his 2024 Challenge?

Sam Lane, in Boughs, is taking on his second hiking challenge on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024**.

In 2023, Sam, aged 7, successfully hiked to the top of **Whernside** - the highest peak in Yorkshire - raising a staggering **£1,172** for the **National Autistic Society**.

This year, for his next challenge, Sam is taking on **Kinder Scout** - the highest peak in the Peak District. Similar to Whernside, this challenge will involve hiking across 6 miles and up 2 000 ft. It is an estimated 15 000+ steps and will take over 3 hours to complete.

This time, Sam would like to raise money for his amazing new school - **Hob Moor Oaks!** - to help fund new equipment/technology that can support all the amazing pupils, including his younger brother Josh in Twigs!

Should you wish to donate/sponsor Sam, here is the fundraising page:-

[Crowdfunding to support Hob Moor Oaks Academy on JustGiving](#)

If any children/parents would like to join Sam and take on this challenge for Hobs Moor Oaks then please contact his Dad, Ray Lane, [rlane1981@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rlane1981@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you.



### Golden Leaf Award 19th April

<b>Seedlings</b>	Maeve for taking good steps in her walking harness.
<b>Blossoms</b>	Tommie for engaging and showing us some fantastic work adding in maths.
<b>Buds</b>	Luke for identifying the correct CVC words in phonics from a choice.
<b>Saplings</b>	Noah for great work on his physical skills.
<b>Twigs</b>	Casper for working really well on his transitioning around school.
<b>Branches</b>	Joey for fantastic PE sessions & being a good role model.

<b>Roots</b>	Fletcher for joining in enthusiastically in our new group 'hello' session every morning.
<b>Boughs</b>	Louie for engaging and showing interest during attention autism sessions.
<b>Trunks</b>	Gracie-Mae for her amazing attendance this week!!!
<b>Catkins</b>	Logan for working super hard in phonics every day and being able to write words independently with no visual support!
<b>Woods</b>	William for independently initiating fun games with his friends.
<b>Oak Leaves</b>	Logan for engaging in PSED. Logan was eager to talk about Applefields and the Year 6 residential.
<b>Oak Trees</b>	Keyleanne for being brave and going down the big slide at Pendragon!

#### Sarah's Outstanding Award

Mason for a fantastic transition into Hob Moor Oaks and a super first school trip with Oak Leaves Class.