



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



20th September 2019

## Headteacher Update

### Dates for your Diary

#### September

27th Macmillan Cake Sale/Harvest Assembly

#### October

8th Influenza Vaccinations (NHS)

14th Parents Community Hub 10-11.30

25th Halloween Dress up/Disco

28th-1st November Half Term

#### November

15th Training Day

27th Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

29th Enterprise Open Afternoon

& Christmas Fair

Changes/additions will be marked in red

Happy Friday everyone!

We've had another busy week with lots of wonderful interactions across school. Pupils in our semi formal phase of learning have participated in a tour of York to develop their understanding of the city they go to school in.

Applefields School is the secondary special school in York, many of our pupils transition to Applefields. Applefields will be leading a parents information evening on Tuesday 8th October, 3.30 pm for parents of pupils in Y4, Y5, Y6. Please inform class teachers if you are attending. HMO staff will be there to support.

Next week our pupils will be working hard on their bread creations to compete in our Harvest Festival celebration assembly. We will share with you the finished products! The competition is heating up between the

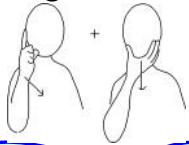
staff so let's see what 'show stoppers' the classes produce for us on Friday! We would like to invite families to donate items such as tinned meat pies, tinned stews/curry/chilli, sponge puddings, UHT milk, chocolates/sweets or coffee for our Assembly. The children will be donating the food to the York Food Bank.

In addition to this, we are hosting a cake sale on Friday 27th for Macmillan Cancer Care, please donate any cakes/buns and don't forget to send 50p in with your child to buy a scrummy treat! Have a lovely weekend.

*Olivia Hargreaves*



### Sign of the Week



People

Please sign up to our Parent Hub app – school can then send messages for free

## Catkins

Catkins have been looking at the body in Science to go with our theme "this is me". We have been naming different parts of our bodies with a focus on naming parts of our faces. Everyone labelled a picture of their own face to show the different parts using symbols. An adult also drew around our bodies and then we tried to draw on parts that the adult asked us to (ears, hands, feet) this encouraged us to make marks using chalk in our playground.

**Ethos Statement: I know the people in my class.**

Find us:  
 info.bcsy@gmail.com  


**Bereaved Children Support**

**Come along to the next Drop in Session**

Oaken Grove Community Centre, Reid Park, Oaken Grove, Haxby, York YO32 3QW

**Saturday 5th October 2 - 4pm**

**ABOUT** It's an opportunity for children who have lost someone significant to them. To come together to play and / or do craft activities knowing that everyone there has experienced something similar. The focus is on play and creativity in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with 'remembering' activities available to make and take away. Toys, crafts, table tennis and games console... Suitable for all ages.

**RESOURCES** There are children's books addressing loss and grief to take away, along with information resources for the adults.

**JUST POP IN**  
 5min OR 2hr  
 or anything in between...

## Boughs Class



Boughs had a great time last week when we went on a minibus ride around our local area and York Centre to see lots of famous sights. We saw the Holgate Windmill, The Railway Museum and the City Walls. We then went back to school where we set up our very own minibus role play.

## Information

Energise Leisure Centre are launching new disability specific swimming lessons on Monday evenings from 23rd September.

18.00-18.30 Stage 1 (Disability specific lesson) / 18.30-19.15 Mixed ability/Autism friendly group lessons. For further information contact [energise@GLL.org](mailto:energise@GLL.org) or visit [www.Better.org.uk](http://www.Better.org.uk).



## Who has won the Golden Leaf?

### Golden Leaf Awards 20th September 2019

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| <b>Acorns</b>                        | <i>Oliver for a great first swim session at school</i>  |
| <b>Blossoms</b>                      | <i>Arthur for settling into school so well</i>  |
| <b>Twigs</b>                         | <i>Sophie for creating a fabulous piece of artwork</i>  |
| <b>Saplings</b>                      | <i>Isabel for expressing her emotions during sensory massage</i>  |
| <b>Buds</b>                          | <i>Matilda for trying all the different foods on her plate</i>  |
| <b>Branches</b>                      | <i>Florence for sharing a toy with a new class friend</i>   |
| <b>Roots</b>                         | <i>Lucas for joining in with group</i>  |
| <b>Boughs</b>                        | <i>Tyler for a fantastic start in his new provision</i>   |
| <b>Trunks</b>                        | <i>Holly for great focus on a range of new tasks this week</i>  |
| <b>Catkins</b>                       | <i>Theo for wonderful use of his new communication device</i>   |
| <b>Oak Leaves</b>                    | <i>Bethany for communicating effectively with her teachers and peers using Makaton and verbalisations</i> |
| <b>Oak Trees</b>                     | <i>Jack for being an outstanding role model for his peers</i>   |
| <b>Oak Trees</b>                     | <i>Connor for a fantastic first swim at Energise</i>  |
| <b>The Nurture Hub</b>               | <i>Olivia for an amazing time on our trip around York</i>   |
| <b>Maureen's Communication Award</b> | <i>William for starting to use single exchange during snack</i>   |
| <b>Swimmer of the Week</b>           | <i>Lucas in Roots class for fantastic independent swimming</i>  |
| <b>Olivia's Outstanding Award</b>    | <i>Aaron for being settled and interactive</i>  |