



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



16th October 2020

Headteacher Update

Dates for your Diary

October

26th-30th Half Term

November

9-13th Parents Evening

10th Influenza Vaccinations (NHS)

27th Training Day

December

21st- 1st January Christmas Holidays

February

15th-19th Half Term

March

19th Training Day

Any changes/additions will be marked in red

As we approach our half term break it is nice to share some really special news with you all.

Yesterday evening our Federation was voted the winner of the 'School of the Year Award'!

The York Community Pride Award was awarded in recognition of all our work to support children and families during lockdown. This is certainly credit to all the staff who work with passion and dedication each and every day, and to our families, children and community who make Hob Moor the special place that it is.

Have a happy weekend



Debbie Cousins

Chair Of Governors

Hello Parents and Carers; my name is Stephanie Windsor and I am privileged to have been elected chair of governors of Hob Moor Primary Academy and also to be working with such a professional team of staff and governors, particularly in these challenging times. I would like to thank the outgoing chair; Kate Biddlestone for all her hard work and dedication, I am pleased that she has agreed to remain on the governing body until December 2020. I personally have a background in education, was formerly a headteacher in York and have been a chair of governors for a primary school in another local authority.

We all want your children to be given the best possible chance in life to succeed, and I believe that by working in partnership together we can enable this to happen. I look forward to meeting you whenever this is possible over the coming months and would like to thank you for your continued support, which I know has been tremendous particularly over these last six months. If you would like to contact me or any of the governors – please do so by ringing school on 01904 555000 or email adminhmp@hm.ebor.academy

Albatross

This week, Team Albatross and LKS2 have been learning about Medieval Britain through our Reach for Greatness topic and currently we have focused on stained glass windows in the style of Matisse. We started the week by discussing what a stained glass window is and where we see them around York. We then looked for inspiration by looking at other stained glass windows and then created our own template. To create the stained glass window effect we used tissue paper in a range of colours and stuck this on sticky back plastic which has created some amazing results. The children have blown us away with their enthusiasm for our current topic on Reach for Greatness and over the last week before half term we are creating moving dragons using a pneumatic system.



Influenza Vaccination

The nasal influenza vaccinations will be taking place in school on Tuesday 10th November, if your child is in Reception to year 6 and you would like them to receive the vaccination please complete the online consent form no later than 25th October. Thank you

School Meal Booking

Don't forget to book your child's meals on ParentPay. Bookings must be made by the Wednesday for the following week. Thank you.



School Photographs

Unfortunately due to the current situation and the limitations on visitors coming into school we have decided that this year's individual school photographs will not be going ahead.

Information

There will be a food share scheme running from Foxwood Community Centre every Wednesday 1.00-2.30pm and Friday 9.30-11.00am. This is free access to supermarket surplus food. Further info about the scheme is available on the Foxwood Community Centre Facebook page.



Family Matters York are holding 4 week parenting courses on Time out for Parents- Handling Anger in the Family.



The courses start on:

Tuesday 10th November 7.15-9pm online via zoom
Monday 16th November 9.30-11.30am online via zoom
Monday 16th November 7.15-9.00pm online via zoom
Monday 16th November 12.45-2.45pm at Cornerstone at St Georges, Millfield Lane, Osbaldwick, YO10 3AL
To book email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk or for more information visit www.fmy.org.uk

Stars of the Week

9th October

16th October

- Swan** Reggie for always making the right choices in Team Swan and challenging himself to find our number of the week in the areas. .
- Robin** Jenny for her amazing writing this week, where she has been learning to write lots of CVC words! Well done Jenny!
- Toucan** Isaac for an amazing attitude towards his learning this week, putting his best into everything! Well done!
- Parrot** Leo for improvements in Maths
- Woodpecker** Jacob for his contributions to all lessons
- Puffin** Eva-Grace for a brilliantly positive attitude during a tricky week, always being polite and having great cuddles!
- Razorbill** Imogen for always being kind and considerate to others and for being a huge help to the adults in our classroom.
- Albatross** Dwaite for his positive attitude to all learning and producing a great piece of art work.
- Osprey** Lacie for trying really hard in maths despite not always finding it easy!
- Eagle** Bailey for his spectacular work with watercolours and settling in Team Eagle amazingly.
- Hawk** Lacie for showing great determination in mastering long multiplication
- Falcon** Natalia for a fantastic attitude in PE

Wellbeing Award

Harvey for a brilliant, positive attitude to year 6 and showing great resilience every day.

Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Connor for always welcoming me into Team Swan, giving me a huge smile and being very keen to tell me all about what he's been playing with his friends.

- Swan** Nathan for trying his best in Phonics and forming his letters brilliantly!
- Robin** Reeva for trying her hardest in phonics, where she has been learning lots of new phonemes!
- Toucan** Leona for making lots of the right choices and being a kind friend to all the Toucans.
- Parrot** Jacob for writing a fantastic 'Journey Tale' in Literacy!
- Woodpecker** Amelia for her fantastic attitude towards learning and giving 100% towards every single lesson!
- Puffin** Ella Mai for starting each day with a positive attitude and a smile!
- Razorbill** Evie for her amazing positive attitude to every part of school and always presenting her work beautifully
- Albatross** Leo for his amazing writing based on a dragon description!
- Osprey** Riley for showing a much more positive attitude towards the end of the week
- Eagle** Alyshia for beginning each day with such a positive outlook and being a ray of sunshine in Team Eagle.
- Hawk** Talia for her fantastic, hard-working attitude and showing great improvement in writing.
- Falcon** Evie for her fantastic attitude to learning. Always giving 100% and being brilliant in every way!!

Wellbeing Award

Terry for a positive attitude on returning to school

Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Leo for his amazing writing about the dragon in the forest, Well done Leo