



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



2nd October 2020

## Headteacher Update

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

26th-30th Half Term

#### November

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**

There's definitely an Autumn feel in the air and it's been great to see so many children learning in the outdoors this week.

It's certainly been a busy week all round and as ever the children and staff have made me realise how lucky I am to do the job I do. It was quite a shock on Wednesday morning to receive a call from Ofsted to inform me two HMI inspectors were visiting us for the day on Thursday. We actually had a really positive day discussing our return to school. Their findings will be added to information Ofsted gather from another 1,199 schools across the country to compile a report about how schools have managed the return to school.

We're delighted how keen children and families have been to return to school and with our

attendance in the first 3 weeks back being much higher than it was this time last September, it looks as if the children are delighted to be back too. Happy Friday everyone!

*Debbie Cousins*



## Toucan



This week, Team Toucan and Key Stage One have been learning about the seasons and focusing particularly on 'Autumn'. We started the week by discussing what happens in Autumn and the signs that are visible to us around our school grounds. On Tuesday, the children went on an exciting forest schools session. We had a map of the school grounds with different stopping points where we discussed the different things we could see, hear and feel whilst thinking about how this linked to the seasonal change of Autumn. Throughout the week, the children have continued their learning and discussions about Autumn, writing a recount of their walk around the school grounds, investigating an Autumn poem in our reading for real sessions and listening to the traditional hymn 'Autumn Days'. The children have blown us away with their knowledge of the seasons and the changes that occur! We also want to say a special thank you to the parents for providing the children with forest school clothes on short notice.



## 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.



### Information

We recently sent home Student Update Forms for parents to check and return to school. To ensure we hold the correct contact information and parental permissions for your child please check the details and amend if necessary. Please return forms to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

6 sessions sharing our challenges and joys and considering new ways to manage difficulties.

Starting Thursday 8th Oct (no session during half term) 12.45 to 2.45pm

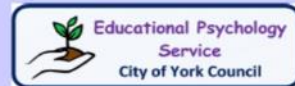
Online via Zoom

To book contact Helen on 07393 147 259 or email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk or for more info visit www.fmy.org.uk

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### Coronavirus Support Line

Open to all parents and carers who live in the City of York and practitioners who work with children and young people who live/attend an educational setting in the City of York.

Confidential telephone support, staffed by psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning during the current pandemic.



Call slots of up to 30 minutes, available during term time:

Wednesday mornings 8 am – 11.30 am

From September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Please call 01904 553055

## Stars of the Week

### 25th September

- Swan** Maisie for being a lovely friend in our team, always trying her best and using her imagination to extend her play in the areas.
- Robin** Eloise for always trying her hardest in every session and for being a wonderful friend to every member of our team!
- Toucan** Billy for an amazing effort in his phonics screening check
- Parrot** Joshi for an amazing effort in his phonics screening check and for settling in well into Y1 and contributing lots to our class team!
- Woodpecker** Matty for writing a fantastic set of instructions including many of the features!
- Puffin** Skyler for her brilliant discussions about After the Fall.
- Razorbill** Muhammed for always showing wonderful manners and being a fantastic friend to other members of the team.
- Albatross** Alexa for showing great understanding with her reading and showing great perseverance in all areas of learning this week.
- Osprey** Ava for always trying her best in everything she does. What a fantastic start to the year!
- Eagle** Kyle for showing outstanding resilience and perseverance with his Maths work.
- Hawk** Lewis for showing fantastic determination in Maths
- Falcon** Alisha for always trying her absolute best in everything she does. What a fantastic start to the year!

#### Wellbeing Award

Maddie-Rose for her positive attitude and always trying her best

#### Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Harper for the beautiful bookmark she designed for me, Thank You.

### 2nd October

- Swan** Alfie for brilliant resilience when faced with challenges and always making the right choices in our team.
- Robin** George for his amazing jousting game, which he planned and lead for all of his friends in Team Robins and Swans!
- Toucan** Maya for an amazing recount of our Autumn walk!
- Parrot** Sadie for showing fabulous manners, attitudes and behaviours for learning in every lesson and for including new friends in her games
- Woodpecker** Leon for his fantastic contributions towards our whole class reading circles.
- Puffin** Esme for her brilliant attitude to all of her learning.
- Razorbill** Rian for incredible work in maths and for always doing the right thing. Rian is an amazing role model.
- Albatross** Leila for persevering in her maths
- Osprey** Sophie for confidently and fabulously beginning to contribute to class discussions.
- Eagle** Megan for her imagination and vocabulary in her writing
- Hawk** Holly for a consistently brilliant attitude to her learning and persuasive debating skills
- Falcon** A-Jay for fantastic effort during cross country running!

#### Wellbeing Award

Riley for showing great resilience this week, even when things have gone wrong

