



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



6th November 2020

Dates for your Diary

November

9-13th Parents Evening
10th Influenza Vaccinations (NHS)
13th Children in Need
16-20th Anti-Bullying Week
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

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed a very restful half term break and had lots of fun times with their families.

As we move into our second national lockdown, it has been wonderful to see so many happy children in school this week.

We continue to rigorously follow all the guidance we receive and continue to prioritise the safety of the children and staff.

Our latest guidance informed us that there is now a requirement 'to keep occupied spaces well ventilated all of the time'. This will result in our school being cooler than usual so please make sure your child(ren) has an extra warm piece of

clothing (jumper, sweatshirt or fleece) to wear over their uniform (PE kit) during lessons.

A little reminder that we are having Parents Evening over the next two weeks. Your child's teacher will give you a call to discuss their achievements over the first half term in their new class. Don't worry if you miss the call, they will try again another day!

And finally we are looking forward to the Federation joining together to raise money for 'Children in Need' so that we can help to change young lives.

Have a nice weekend and stay safe

Debbie Cousins



Toucans

This week, Team Toucans along with the rest of KS1 took part in our 'Victorian Day'. This was the launch day of our new topic, the 'Vile Victorians'. The children enjoyed our day of activities where they were able to experience school as a child in Victorian times. Over the day, the children had a go at chalk writing, making a cup and ball, making and eating gruel, discussed the cane, some unfortunate children found their way onto the 'Dunce' stool. The children all agreed they prefer school as it is! All the staff wanted to thank all of the parents and carers for getting the children kitted out in their amazing costumes!



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.



Baby News

We would like to let you know that we will be expecting some happy bundles of joy at Hob Moor with Mrs Borszowski expecting her 2nd baby in February, Miss Kirby expecting her first baby in May and Miss Bradley expecting a baby at the end of this month. We send them our love and congratulations as we await the arrival of their new babies.

Children in Need

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This year we will be raising money by dressing in something spotty. We will not be accepting cash payments this year but donations can be paid via ParentPay. Please logon to ParentPay to make your donation and help us raise funds for Children in Need. Thank you



We kindly request that parents avoid sending products with nuts in for snack or packed lunches. Although this is a healthy snack we do have some children with severe Peanut allergies in school. Thank you.



Stars of the Week

23rd October

- Swan** Ethan for trying his hardest in team Swan and for amazing contributions in class!
- Robin** Kian for persevering with writing his name and challenging himself to write it without looking at his name card!
- Toucan** Amayah for an amazing piece of independent writing about a run away train!
- Parrot** Aubree for being a kind, considerate, helpful and self-less member of the team, who always puts other children before herself.
- Woodpecker** Amelia for her amazing journey tale in our independent writing.
- Puffin** Alyssa for making a brilliant start to her time at Hob Moor!
- Albatross** Laila for showing great determination in our tag rugby sessions and being a superstar try scorer!
- Osprey** Dunya for being a fabulous role model and a great friend to all.
- Eagle** Kaiden for ending the term with such an amazing attitude to others and his learning!
- Hawk** Robyn for continued hard work and a positive attitude throughout the week and a super start to her horror story.
- Falcon** Oscar for his mature and informed ideas, contributing to class discussions

Wellbeing Award

Dylan for amazing us with his wonderful resilience skills.
Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award
The whole school for winning 'School of the Year'– you're all amazing!

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- Swan** Alexis for concentrating really hard in Phonics and Review and trying her best to form the letters and words. Well done!
- Robin** Henry for his amazing effort in phonics, which is helping him to begin to read and write lots of words!
- Toucan** Daisy for amazing perseverance in all of her Maths work!
- Parrot** Callum for getting into the 'Victorian Spirit' during our Victorian dress up day and Victorian school experience!
- Woodpecker** Niamh for fantastic explanations in Maths
- Puffin** Lilly for a fantastic start back after half term
- Razorbill** Kelsey for giving 100% effort in all of her lessons.
- Osprey** Lyra for trying really hard to up level vocabulary and use a range of sentence types in her spooky setting writing
- Eagle** Amelie for returning to school with a super attitude and doing additional research on magnets.
- Hawk** Kaiden for much improved behaviour and for showing a positive attitude towards his work.
- Falcon** Ellinor for fantastic improvement in Maths

Wellbeing Award

Lexi for being open and honest about her feelings

Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Willow for her very impressive 'Flying Dragon' lego model, which she made at home. It must have taken a lot of time and concentration!



It's Party Time!

We have seen a wonderful idea from another school in the news and we think it is something really special that we would like to introduce here at Hob Moor Primary Academy.

As a result of the current Covid restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would, with parties or gatherings that are currently not allowed during this time.

We understand our children have already had so many challenges and had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at home and school, and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us.

Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends!

We have decided that we will hold a birthday party within each class on the last Friday afternoon of each month, this will be to celebrate all children who have had their birthday that month.

Treats

All children will have their packed lunch or school meal as normal.

During the afternoon (the last Friday of every month), school will provide fun games, activities, snacks/treats and a party atmosphere.

There will also be a little cake for each birthday child! All the party costs will be covered by the school. Children can come to school in non-uniform but please make sure it's something warm.

If your child has already had their birthday during September and October, they will be included in the first birthday celebration after half term, at the end of November.

We look forward to bringing a bit of joy to our school, giving every child the opportunity to celebrate with their friends and mark their special day!