



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



Dates for your Diary

December

11th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
21st- 1st January Christmas Holidays

February

15th-19th Half Term

March /April

19th Training Day
29th March -9th April Easter Holidays

May /June

31st May-4th June Half Term

July

9th Training Day
26th Break up for Summer

Any changes/additions will be marked in red

Headteacher Update 4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers.

Christmas has arrived in school this week, children are loving seeing the Christmas tree in reception and classes are being decorated to get into the Christmas spirit. This week, during a walk around school, it was wonderful to see children practicing Christmas songs and their video contribution to the Christmas production. Class teams are working hard on these and we are planning to share them with parents via Tapestry next Wednesday. It has been strange not being part of the excitement of rehearsals and songs this year, but I am excited to see the final videos. Thank you to parents who have organised costumes.

Next Friday will be a busy day in school, in the morning we will have our Christingle assembly, Reverend Simon will be joining us virtually in assembly, and this will be followed in the afternoon by a "HMO Christmas Bake Off", classes are preparing their show stopper entries, and we have some special guest judges who will be judging the contributions either virtually or in person! We will share the judging virtually with classes, as we already do with our assemblies. Also don't forget it's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day on Friday.

We had successful TA interviews a few weeks ago, and we have been excited for our new TAs to join us this week. Molly has joined Saplings and Buds, Eleanor has joined Oak Leaves on a Thursday and Friday and Kirsty has joined Oak Trees. As we say "Hello" to new staff, we also say "Goodbye" to Zara, we wish her lots of luck in her new role at her new school in Selby. Have a lovely weekend.

Sarah Taylor



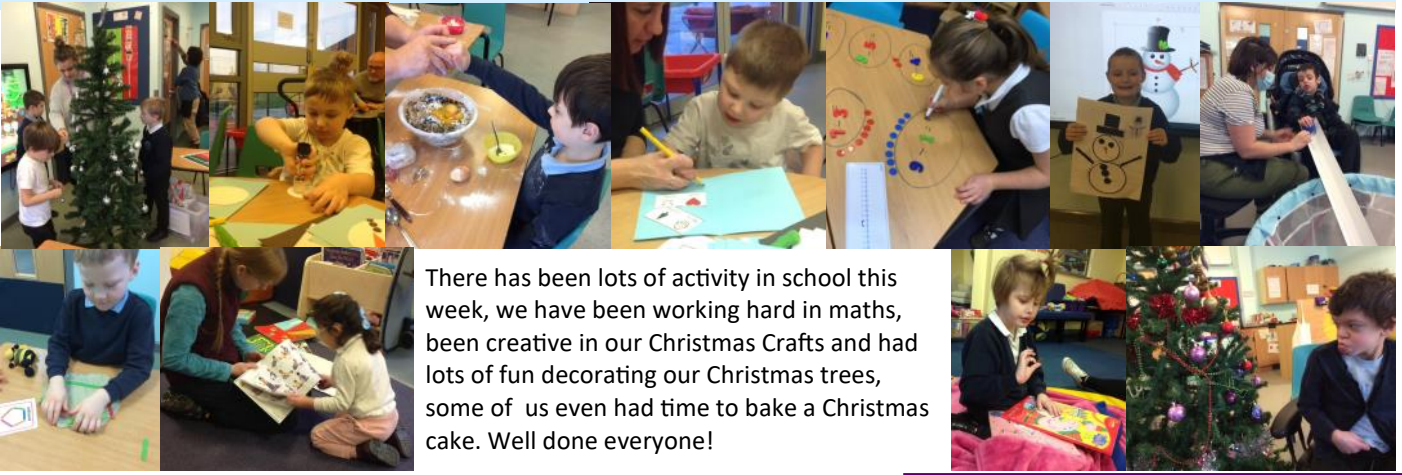
Oak Leaves



In Oak Leaves we have been learning about animals around the world and learning the names of the seven continents! In PE we have been practising our gymnastics skills. We have explored different ways of travelling and learned lots of different stretches! We have also enjoyed decorating our class Christmas tree this week.



Hob Moor Oaks Fun



There has been lots of activity in school this week, we have been working hard in maths, been creative in our Christmas Crafts and had lots of fun decorating our Christmas trees, some of us even had time to bake a Christmas cake. Well done everyone!

Severe Weather School Closures

For up to date information on School closures due to severe weather, visit the City of York Council website on www.york.gov.uk/School Closures or check with school online. Information can also be found via GREATESTHITSRADIO.CO.UK and click: SCHOOL CLOSURES



Family Matters York are holding parenting courses on Time out for Parents- Handling Anger in the Family and Time out for Parents. These courses run throughout January. To book a place or for further information please contact Helen Atkinson, email: helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk or you can find more information about our courses on our website <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Friday 11th December

This year we will be raising money for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas Jumpers. We will not be accepting cash payments this year but donations can be paid on ParentPay.



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.



Happy Birthday this week to:
Leon



Golden Leaf Awards 4th December 2020

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| <i>Seedlings</i> | <i>Georgia for working hard when using her walking harness for the first time.</i> |
| <i>Acorns</i> | <i>Arlo for being so motivated and showing amazing Kurling skills!</i> |
| <i>Blossoms</i> | <i>Louie for following instructions during rebound</i> |
| <i>Blossoms Hub</i> | <i>Harrison for a fantastic return back to school</i> |
| <i>Twigs</i> | <i>Evie for fantastic progress with eating independently using a fork</i> |
| <i>Saplings</i> | <i>Daniel for fantastic participation and great enthusiasm during our Christmas performance</i> |
| <i>Buds</i> | <i>Oscar for super listening and independent use of your communication device!</i> |
| <i>Branches</i> | <i>Alfie for helping a friend from a different class walk by holding their hand and carefully guiding them!</i> |
| <i>Roots</i> | <i>Jamie for his communication skills and infectious laughter.</i> |
| <i>Boughs</i> | <i>Jameel for brilliant knowledge of 2D shape and independently joining in with the Swingalong Shape song</i> |
| <i>Green Shoots</i> | <i>Holly for fantastic reading and learning new words</i> |
| <i>Trunks</i> | <i>Logan for trying new foods</i> |
| <i>Catkins</i> | <i>Addison for singing and signing throughout our Christmas song</i> |
| <i>Oak Leaves</i> | <i>Bethany for brilliant geography skills when locating continents!</i> |
| <i>Oak Trees</i> | <i>Joe for brilliant artwork of an orca.</i> |
| | <i>Sarah's Superstar Award</i> |
| | <i>George for engagement and interaction with unfamiliar adults in the classroom</i> |