



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



12th February 2021

Headteacher Update

Dates for your Diary

February

15th-19th Half Term

March / April

29th March -9th April Easter Holidays

30th April Training Day

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

The date of the training day on the 19th March has been changed. The new date will be **Friday 30th April.**

Dear Parents/Carers

After a very busy half term I hope everyone is safe and well. What a strange start to 2021 it's been with some children getting to grips with remote learning at home and some children learning in school. I am so proud of our staff team for adapting so quickly to a whole new way of teaching and want to say a huge **'Well done'** to all our children and families too, for engaging with our home learning programme. Over 90% engagement every day over the past 6 weeks is something you should all be proud of.

We appreciate how hard it must have been at times, but you've all stuck with it and the work the children have done has been exceptional. Once again our amazing families have taken on the challenge and we recognise the effort and pride that is going into learning at home.

We continue to do all we can to keep staff, children and families safe and reduce the spread of the virus. Last week our staff started Lateral Flow Device Testing. This happens twice a week, to identify anyone who is testing positive for Covid 19.

Our half term holiday starts tomorrow and I hope you all have a lovely break. We look forward to working hard towards getting all children back to school as soon after half term as we possibly can!

We are missing them all so much!

Debbie Cousins



Find your VOICE!

Take part in our **POETRY COMPETITION!**
Lots of different categories! Top prizes!

Here's your chance to express yourself on the theme of **Looking Forward** in our great, Ebor Academy Trust-wide poetry competition!

All of us are looking forward to a life without restrictions, free from the Coronavirus cloud that has cast such a long shadow for such a long time.

We want children and young people across all our schools – and their families, and our staff – to find their voice. **Explore the impact of saying a lot in a few words.** Write a poem that explains how you feel about looking ahead to happier times. It can be long or short, it doesn't have to rhyme – it just needs to be optimistic and forward looking!

Categories

- Age 5-7
- Age 8-11
- Age 12-14
- Age 15-16
- Family – a joint effort by any family of any size
- Staff
- Governors/Trustees

Send your entries by email to poetry@eboracademy. Closing date: 28 February 2021 at 5pm. Only single entries permitted. Don't forget to include your details, including which category you are entering.

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK - 15TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

Dear parents/carers,
Next week is 'Random Acts of Kindness week' and we would like you to all get involved. This newsletter includes ways to spread kindness and has ideas for activities that the whole family can take part in. If your child completes one of the activities, please tweet a picture to [@hobmoor_primary](https://twitter.com/hobmoor_primary) to share your amazing acts of kindness. Spread some joy and be kind. From,
The Wellbeing Team

Make a handmade card

Whether it's for an upcoming occasion or birthday, there are lots of opportunities to show someone you care! Showcase your creativity through a homemade card. Include your favourite quotes, drawings, anything you think will make someone smile. It could make all the difference in someone's day.

“ Kindness is spreading sunshine into other people's lives regardless of the weather. ”



Kindness jar

Start with an empty jar & decorate it however you'd like. Every time you witness an act of kindness, write it down and place the memory in the jar. Collect memories, observations and unexpected surprises of kindness throughout the week.

Clean your room

Cleaning your room is a great way to show kindness to yourself. By tidying up, you are showing respect for your personal space and helping yourself feel more organised.

Kindness is free. Sprinkle it Everywhere!

Big Acts of Kindness...

- Plant a tree
- Start a piggy bank and donate the savings
- Give unwanted items to a charity shop

How many of these 'Random Acts of Kindness' can you complete this week... ✓

- Pay someone a compliment
- Send a letter to a member of your family
- Help your family with jobs around the house
- Make someone laugh
- Tell someone why you are proud of them
- Tell someone why you love them
- Spend time playing with your pet
- Say good morning

- Bake with someone in your family
- Leave a surprise note for someone in your family

Love Note



Find your favourite pen and two nice pieces of paper. Write a letter to someone who has changed your life for the better. Tell them how they have helped you. Then send it.

Next, write a letter to yourself. Describe all your strengths, skills, values, behaviours and actions that have gotten you to where you are. Seal it in an envelope and put it somewhere that you'll find later when you really need to hear those words.