



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 and Families,
Thank you to all staff in Hob Moor Oaks for their determination this half term. Following the amended government guidance on Remote Learning, our staff have worked tirelessly to develop an accessible remote learning provision to help our pupils access learning whilst staying safe at home. We have been able to keep the majority of bubbles open and safe from COVID 19, however, we have had some positive cases and we continue to send our love and prayers to colleagues recovering from COVID19.

Hannah, one of our talented Teaching Assistants, has a keen interest in photography. She would like to find out about the experiences you have had as a family when accessing photoshoots or photography experiences. You will receive a link embedded into a message via Parent Hub, if you can find the time to answer a short questionnaire that would be lovely. Hannah has lots of ideas she would like to develop, merging her passion for supporting children with SEND and her hobby of photography. After half term we will share the survey for remote learning (I am sorry this hasn't gone out this half term) and a proposal for reopening HMO in preparation for the Prime Ministers announcements on schools.

Finally, this candle was made by a pupil this week with 'Peace, Hope and Faith' in mind.



Olivia Hargreaves

Take care everyone and as always, thank you for your kind words, support and cooperation. We have a very special school community.

Saplings

This term Saplings are thinking about Actioning Change. We are learning to say hello and communicating choices by using our words, signs, symbols and switches. We have shared our sensory story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and thinking about how plants can change. We are growing our own beanstalks! We are investigating how materials can change in Art and making papier mache bowls, it is very messy! We have also had great fun working on our physical skills over the term, exploring different sized balls in MATP and enjoying object of reference walks to the sensory garden. We are making meringues in baking and focusing on our switch skills. We have used switches to activate the electronic whisk in baking.





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.



Learning Fun at Hob Moor Oaks



Golden Leaf Awards 12th February 2021

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| Seedlings | <i>Emmie for independently exploring sensory textures</i> |
| Acorns | <i>Elizabeth for brilliant independent walking into, out of and around school</i> |
| Blossoms | <i>Louie for a fantastic transition back into school</i> |
| Blossoms Hub | <i>Joey for fantastic work in maths</i> |
| Twigs | <i>Sophie for reaching out to touch lots of different activities this term</i> |
| Saplings | <i>Athena for walking all the way to the sensory garden and back</i> |
| Buds | <i>Oscar for independent book exploration and for sharing a whole story with adults!</i> |
| Branches | <i>Jack for trying new foods in class!</i> |
| Roots | <i>Luca for persevering with home learning activities. Well done Luca!</i> |
| Boughs | <i>Maja for great engagement in SCERTS activities</i> |
| Green Shoots | <i>Jameel for a great start in your new class</i> |
| Trunks | <i>Logan for a great transition back into school</i> |
| Catkins | <i>Ziggy for completing some wonderful home learning tasks with his sister!</i> |
| Oak Leaves | <i>Bethany for super maths work, Bethany knows her 3D shapes!</i> |
| Oak Trees | <i>Connor for excellent engagement in decorating our gingerbread house</i> |
| | <i>Olivia's Outstanding Award</i> |
| | <i>Diogo for wonderful artwork!</i> |