



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

7th May 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers
I hope everyone enjoyed the extra long Bank Holiday weekend and managed to spend some time outdoors despite the changeable weather. Next week is 'Mental Health Awareness Week' with a focus on 'Connecting with Nature'. We will all be enjoying some time outdoors so we hope the weather is kind to us. Maybe you could use some of these ideas next week on your way to school?

Debbie Cousins



Dates for your Diary

May

W/C 17th Parents Evenings
31st May-4th June Half Term

July

9th Training Day
23rd Last Day of Term

Any changes/additions will be marked in red

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.



Go outside to a safe space

Try and find 5 different shades of the colour green.

Look around you and notice the different shades of colours that surround us. Maybe the light reflecting off wet grass causes a colour change, or a shadow on the underside of a leaf. What about the different patterns on plants, such as their veins?

Listen for a few minutes and identify 4 different sounds.

Notice any background sounds that you might normally filter out, such as birds singing, the wind rustling through leaves, any water flowing nearby.

Find 3 different textures that you can feel.

Pick up an object such as a stone or a leaf, notice how it feels. Look for other items such as lichen on dead wood, or the bark on a tree. Do these things feel wet/dry, hot/cold, hard/soft, smooth/bumpy?

Find two different smells.

Move around your environment and find something that might have a different scent. Can you find flowers to smell, or pull up some grass to remind you of mown lawns in the summer. Are there any trees around you? Lots of these have very different scents.

Taste the air.

Take a big breath in and notice the cold air passing over your tongue, down your throat and into your lungs. Can you notice a taste in the air? Different environments have different tastes, especially if it has been raining heavily or has been very sunny. Notice what the air tastes like where you are. As you exhale, notice how the air has been warmed up by your body, as it passes out through your mouth.

PCSO Visit

We work very closely with our local PCSOs. Recently they have been dealing with some unrest in the local parks and were keen to come in and speak with the children about keeping safe in their local community. The children were really engaged in the sessions about how they can keep themselves safe and be responsible. Please be mindful of this as the children start to enjoy some time playing out with friends in the sunshine.

On Tuesday 4th May our school was lucky enough to have the local police community come and visit us. The police said what their job was and how they did it and explained if you needed help you could always call the police if you felt like you were in danger. People liked talking and explaining their past because they felt comfortable around PCSO's

George

When the police Community Support Officers came to our school we asked them loads of questions, they answered them by saying something like they can't arrest people or kill anyone and that they have a protective vest to protect their organs. They trained German shepherds to sniff out people. They were safe and approachable and they had good safety tips like what do you do when you are in the park and you feel like you are in trouble

Matilda



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Ebor Academy Trust Poetry Book

Copies of the Ebor poetry book, comprising winners' and runners'-up poems in the recent Ebor schools poetry competition, are now available to buy online. The theme is 'looking forwards' to life after lockdown and is a collection of poetry from children of all ages as well as staff. Books cost £5 including postage with all proceeds going to the vital work carried out by children's charity the NSPCC. Here's the link: <https://bit.ly/3dsRMxs> - note, while it says 'Tickets' on the website, this is actually to make a purchase of the book.



Stars of the Week

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Swan Aubree for trying her hardest all week and being a kind friend in the areas.

Robin Kimberly for her fantastic reviews all this week, where she has been challenging herself to write lots of sentences!

Toucan Akira-Rose for wonderful effort in her phonics all week.

Parrot Isabel for working really hard in Guided Reading, sounding out and blending some difficult words and making super inferences about the story!

Woodpecker Harper for her fantastic non-chronological report about The Isle of Coll!

Puffin Braxton for supporting his friends and always showing determination to improve

Albatross Lacey for amazing independent writing about Evacuees this week using her word mat! Keep it up!

Razorbill Lilly, all of her work has been incredible this week. She has shown amazing focus and has completed all tasks efficiently and accurately.

Osprey Sophie for being so passionate and engaged in our discussions about conscientious objectors and producing a fantastic piece of persuasive writing.

Eagle Alyshia for applying herself in everything she does and being so thoughtful of others

Hawk Talia for consistent hard work in all lessons and for her positive attitude in school

Falcon Calum for fantastic improvement in his effort and attitude

Wellbeing Award

Caleb for mature, sensitive and amazing suggestions regarding friendship

Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Ronnie for making me smile each day, telling me all about his 'fun playtimes'.

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