



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

11th June 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents /Carers

I hope everyone had a wonderful half term holiday, enjoying some well deserved sunshine.

Yesterday was 'Empathy Day' and we have been encouraging each other to consider the feelings of others. This is something we can all do at home by reading books, talking about the feelings of the characters and walking in someone else's shoes!



You will all notice on the list of dates that we have set dates for Sports Days, together with other end of year events. We are all looking forward to these, keeping our fingers crossed that we can invite you all to join us. We will send more information about this as soon as we receive any updated guidance on lifting more restrictions.

Happy Weekend



Debbie Cousins



Dates for your Diary

July

9th Training Day

13th Year 3/4 Sports Day 9.30am

13th EYFS Sports Day 1.20pm

14th Year 5/6 Sports Day 9.30am

14th Year 1/2 Sports Day 1.20pm

16th Annual Reports Sent Home

16th Final Birthday Celebration

19th Children Meet New Class Team

22nd Graduation Event

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.

Dress Up Day



Before the half term holidays the children had lots of fun celebrating the end of their topics, whilst raising money for Save the Children. KS1 dressed as a Londoner for the day, Lower KS2 dressed up as WW2 evacuees and Reception and UKS2 wore their pyjamas. The children had so much fun and thanks to your kind donations we raised £116.16. Thank you.



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Art Competition

York Symphony Orchestra is running a Peter & the Wolf Art Competition. The competition runs from 8th -20th June and is open to all children aged 4-14 years old. To enter create a piece of art of an animal or bird playing a musical instrument. The best three entries will each win a prize of a signed original print of the fox and the clarinet.

Entries to be sent to YSO Peter & the Wolf Competition, Limefield Farm, Scoreby, York, YO41 1NR (please note it will not be possible to return artwork). Entries should include the child's name, age a contact email address and number to inform winners (contact details will not be kept or shared)

The winning entries will be published on the York Festival of Ideas and York Symphony Orchestra Websites.

If artwork can't be posted, please send photos to yso.competition@gmail.com

The winner will receive an original signed print by Gerard Hobson and 2 x tickets (1 adult, 1 child) to the YSO Summer Concert 2022 where we will be playing Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra.

Exciting Opportunities



As we move into the final half term of what has been a very unusual year, we are making plans for September to make transitions as smooth as we possibly can. This is not just for our children, but also for our staff.

Just like for the children, it is so important that we inspire and motivate staff to be the best that they can be, and for some, this will result in moving on to new challenges and the next step in their careers.



In the new academic year, we will have some changes to our leadership team, and it is with huge amounts of sadness (but also pride) that I share the news that Mr Willson and Mr Stevens are both leaving us on July 23rd. Mr Willson is moving to take up the Deputy Headteacher post at Staynor Hall Community Primary Academy and Mr Stevens is moving to Hempland Primary School as Early Years / Key Stage 1 leader. We will miss them both greatly, as I know you will too!

This brings new opportunities for others and I'm delighted that Mr Donkin has been appointed as our new Year1/2 phase leader and Mrs Goliger, currently teaching at Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy, will be our new Year3/4 phase leader.

I'm sure you will all want to congratulate them all and wish them all the best in their new roles.



Family Matters York are running parenting courses throughout June and there are still places available on the following courses: **Handling Anger in the Family, Time Out for Parents -The Teenage Years and Time Out for Parents -The Primary Years**

The courses are available online via Zoom, to book or for more information on any of their courses please visit: <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> or email: helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk.



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Stars of the Week

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Swan Kai for doing amazing maths work and being a super number explorer!

Robin Reeva for her amazing writing all this week, where she has been writing lots of sentences independently!

Toucan Oscar for making amazing progress in his phonics, working independently and having a resilient attitude towards his learning

Parrot Gracie-May for showing care to her classmates and always staying positive!

Woodpecker Lincoln for always being ready to learn and being a great role model to all of Team Woodpecker!

Puffin Maddie-Rose for brilliant effort in her arithmetic and reading this week

Albatross Harvey for a great piece of independent writing on WW2 where he showed such determination to edit his writing and make it better

Razorbill Charlton for having such a positive week and doing fantastic writing and maths

Osprey Ava for such lovely creative and imaginative writing

Eagle Terry for being so kind, caring and a real role model in Team Eagle!

Hawk Alex for always doing his very best and producing fantastic work in art

Falcon Katy for fantastic map work and team-working skills! Well done!

Wellbeing Award

Freya for having a very positive week

Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Denzel for returning to school with a smile! Everyone was so pleased to see you and you were so brave! Well done, Denzel

Swan Jackson for trying his hardest in Phonics and writing a super review independently! Well done!

Robin Alya for showing empathy to all of her friends this week!

Toucan Chester for working really hard in Maths this week! Well done!

Parrot Aubree for having a positive attitude and being kind and complementary to everyone in the class

Woodpecker Simisola for showing empathy when her friend was hurt and always being a great role model!

Puffin Ellie for being kind and caring to her team. Being enthusiastic in her learning.

Albatross Erica-Lily for having such a caring attitude to her team members. She really shows great empathy for others!

Razorbill Willow for giving amazing, clear explanations about tricky ideas in reading and maths. Willow has also shown great kindness to those around her this week

Osprey Cairon for thoughtful and sensitive contributions to discussions and topic

Eagle Scarlett-Rose for her fabulous attitude during our topic and reading discussions

Hawk Thomas for achieving his best score in an arithmetic paper through hard work and perseverance. Well done Thomas!

Falcon Kain for excellent contributions in reading circles

Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award

Robyn for having 17 inches cut off her hair to donate to The Prince's Trust. She raised £230 for doing it! What an achievement!

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