



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



Headteacher Update 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to all our new children and families that joined us last week. Everyone has made a wonderful start to the term and it's been brilliant to see so many smiles around school.

Last week we also welcomed a number of new staff. We hope they enjoy working as part of our amazing team. After 2 weeks back after the summer holidays, I'm sure your child(ren) will have been eager to tell you about some of the changes in school, after a number of Covid restrictions have been lifted.... we had our first whole school assembly in the hall, they can now play with friends from other classes in their phase and we are very gradually moving back into the hall for lunch. Next week we resume swimming lessons in Year 3 & 4 and our Year 6 children go on a residential trip. Mrs Thompson is so excited she's got her suitcases packed already.

However some of our measures to minimise the risk of Covid remain in place to protect children, staff and families. Additional cleaning during the school day, maintaining good hand hygiene, keeping classrooms well ventilated and staff wearing face coverings in communal areas during the busiest times of the day.

I'm sure this will reassure you all but please don't hesitate to contact us on 01904 806655 or by email at admin.hmp@ebor.academy if you have any further questions.

Happy weekend



Debbie Cousins

We will be holding a McMillan cake sale for our children on Friday 24th September. If you would like to donate a cake/baking could you please send it in to school on the morning of 24th in a labelled tin. If you want your child to buy a cake we are asking for a small donation to raise money for this worthy cause.

Thank you

Key Stage 1

On Monday Key Stage One went for a walk around Acomb as an introduction to our 'Out of My Window' topic, where the children will be learning all about our local community. Our first stop was at the Gateway Centre on Front Street where the children met Caleb. He told us all about his job as part of Gateway Church and showed us some pictures of all the different things that happen there, including church services, baby groups and running a food bank! Our second stop was round the corner at Morrison's supermarket! We met Natalie who works for Morrison's as their Community Champion. She told us all about how Morrison's don't just sell us our food, but how they donate food to food banks, help raise money for charities, donate seeds to schools to encourage them to plant and grow as well as offering book and school uniform exchanges!

Our final stop on our tour of Acomb was at Explore Library. We spoke to Grace, who told us all

about the types of books that children can borrow as well as the space available for families to come and relax whilst enjoying a snack in the café. We also learnt that the library is a place where adults can come and learn, as well as children! When we arrived back at school we discussed all the ways that the people we met help make Acomb a better place to live, and what we can do to make our local community a happy place. We look forward to (hopefully) inviting members of our community in to school to see some of our artwork at the end of the half term.



House Competition

All of our children have now been put into 'Houses'. We will use these to motivate and reward our children who so often show outstanding learning, extra-curricular activities and exceptional behaviour. The house system is set up to encourage children to work in teams, REACH for greatness and celebrate the success of those who do their best. In order to launch our houses, and in conjunction with the work Mr Hinde has done to encourage a more active lifestyle we would like to inform you of our first competition:

Who is the most entertaining/creative skipper?

To enter you need to send a picture or video of your child skipping to: houseshmp@ebor.academy

All entries will gain 5 house points and the winner will receive 15 house points for themselves and their team. Good Luck!



This week, KS1 and KS2 children have had the pleasure of skipping sessions delivered by 'Dan The Skipping Man'. It was great to see the children so engaged and having so much fun! The additional chance of taking their own skipping rope brought so much joy for the children and their excitement to bring these into school was a lovely sight to see.

Morrisons have just launched their new 'It's good to grow' programme to encourage children to get outdoors and start growing, helping them to understand where food comes from and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables. For every £10 spent in store or online you get 1 'Grow Token' which school can redeem for gardening and growing equipment. Use your My Morrisons app or card when paying to collect your Grow Token which you can donate to school. Thank you



Stars of the Week

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- Swan** Everyone for settling in really well to a new class and for all being such superstars!
- Robin** Sophie for making a fantastic start to Team Robins, and helping all of her friends!
- Toucan** Alfie for doing some amazing work in both English and Maths and being super helpful around the classroom and with the other children! Great start to year 1!
- Parrot** Elsie-Mae for an amazing attitude to learning and giving her best in every lesson!
- Woodpecker** Naomi for being an amazing new member to our team. Well done Naomi!
- Puffin** Harvey for starting the year with a fantastic attitude towards his learning, the adults in school and his peers. Harvey always listens and works hard. He is a fantastic Year 3 role model
- Albatross** Lincoln for a fantastic start to the school year - always listening well and trying his best. Well done Lincoln
- Razorbill** Marnie for being so brave and settling in well to school, even though she was really nervous!
- Osprey** Charlie for making a fantastic start to the year with a great positive, motivated and determined attitude!
- Eagle** Ruban for a fantastic start to the term: making great effort in lessons and adopting a positive attitude
- Hawk** Liam for fantastic effort in every lesson all week and for being a kind and considerate friend to his classmates.
- Falcon** Haval for amazing effort and attitude in maths!

Wellbeing Award

Alfie for a fantastic start to the school year. we are really proud of you!

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Maya for being kind! You were really helpful to a new member of your class. Well done!

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- Swan** Lilly for being a really helpful and kind friend when playing in the areas
- Robin** Sophie for her amazing Lava Crocodile game, where she has made fantastic obstacle courses and used her imagination to create monsters to extend her game
- Toucan** Jennifer for writing an amazing recount in English and always being kind to others
- Parrot** Oakley for impressing lots of grown-ups by using polite and respectful manners.
- Woodpecker** Oscar for his amazing attitude and effort in his writing
- Puffin** Aubree for being a lovely friend to everyone in our Year 3 team. Aubree helps people with work, celebrates their successes and always tries her best
- Albatross** Lexi-May for putting super effort into all of her learning and settling well into her new school
- Razorbill** Kara for always maintaining a high standard with her handwriting and presentation
- Osprey** Muhammad for being a brilliant member of the team and showing great enthusiasm and positivity towards all of our new challenges.
- Eagle** Anya for excellent contributions in all lessons throughout the week
- Hawk** Riley for doing lots of great independent work this week with a positive attitude
- Falcon** Bailey for his great artwork.

Wellbeing Award

Leo for a fantastic start to his new school and always using lovely manners.

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Stefan for a fabulous week visiting Mrs Cousins on several occasions to pick up a WOW certificate and being a kind friend



New Starters 2021

