



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

17th September 2021



Headteacher Update

Diary Dates

September

23rd School Photographs
24th Macmillan Cake Sale

October

25-29th Half Term Holidays

November

5th Enterprise Open Afternoon
9th Parents Community Hub 10-11.30am
19th Training Day

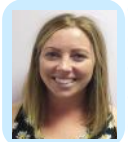
Happy Friday everyone! Our first full week at school and we have some very tired children today! This week we have seen fantastic self help skills during lunch time, children feeding themselves, managing new blended diets, using symbol exchange to request favoured treats and using cutlery appropriately!

Following training from Sensory Technology on Monday, our brand new sensory theatre has been test run by some pupils in Twigs, Seedlings & Acorns! We cannot wait to share a video & photographs with you very soon. We will have an official opening of the room with our charity funders—Wooden Spoon, Ed De Nunzio & Purey Cust. We have also installed visual and auditory stimulation into our white room, a room with suspended equipment for sensory regulation.

A group of wonderful staff are taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge on Saturday 18th to fund raise for our Y6 Residential and wider school funds. Check out their go fund me page at <http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hobmooroaksyear6residential>

Don't forget school photographs on Thursday 23rd!

Olivia Hargreaves



Happy Birthday this week to:
Theo and Harry

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

Oak Leaves



We have been enjoying our first week in Oak Leaves class. We spend playtimes in the sensory garden and have lots of fun with our friends. We've been practising our greetings in Makaton and our ball skills in PE too!



Introductions

- ★ Hello, we are the Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) who will be covering classes across Hob Moor Oaks. Our role is to cover for teacher's non-contact and leadership time.
- ★ Dan will be taking children from across the school for rebound sessions and has a special interest in developing PE.
- ★ Karen, who some of you may know from her role running the school council, also has responsibility for ELSA (Emotional Literacy) across the school.
- ★ Ruth has a keen interest in helping children broaden their play skills and is currently refreshing the Reading Garden and Play Zone as shared spaces across the school.
- ★ Hi! My name is Aimee Brinton. I am a HLTA for communication and personal development. This year I will be working with lots of different children across school. I have worked at Hob Moor Oaks for 15 years, mostly supporting learners with PMLD. I love messy play and can often be found covered in paint or flour! When not in school I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and reading. I am looking forward to developing my new role and getting to know lots of the children better.
- ★ Hi! My name is Gemma, I have worked in School for 20 years, working mostly with children with ASC. I am a HLTA for communication and personal development working across school. This is a new role for me this year and I am excited and looking forward to the year ahead, working with lots of different children. In my spare time I enjoy watching my children play football, walking and socialising with family and friends.



Dan



Karen



Ruth



Aimee



Gemma

Ask The Expert CYP and Families webinar (Monday 20 September 12.30 – 13.30)
An hour long webinar for children and young people and families supporting them with their asthma care.

This webinar answers the questions that parents and families have from a multidisciplinary perspective. For further information and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/askaboutasthma-2021-ask-the-expert-webinar-tickets-165143371269>



Golden Leaf Awards 17th September 2021

- Seedlings** Rose, you walked from soft play back to class exploring your new school and listening to directions. Well done.
- Acorns** Leo for beautiful engagement during hydrotherapy
- Blossoms** Harry for actively participating in all groups sessions
- Twigs** Diogo for sitting in his home chair for extended periods over the school day
- Saplings** Theo and Joshy for transitioning into your new school and class so brilliantly!
- Buds** Lincoln for an excellent transition to his new school and taking part in everything so far!
- Branches** Harry for settling into your new class and taking part in lots of activities
- Roots** Reuben for an excellent transition to HMO and coping well with his dual placement
- Boughs** Louie for fantastic recognition of the phase 5 phonics sounds!
- Trunks** Ella for a successful start in a new personal care routine.
- Catkins** Kai you have transitioned to HMO really well travelling to school on a taxi and joining a new class well done
- Oak Leaves** Dwaite for a fantastic start in HMO, Dwaite has made lovely friends and is trying his best with everything!
- Oak Trees** Nikolay for fantastic ball skills in PE
 Olivia's Outstanding Award
 Evan, you've returned to school showing maturity and calmness during your transitions!
 A role model to others! Well done!