



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

5th November 2021



Headteacher Update

Diary Dates

November

W/B 15th Parents Evenings
18th Children in Need- Wear Something Spotty
19th Training Day

December

20th Dec-3rd Jan Christmas Holidays

Any changes/additions will be marked in red

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed a very restful half term break and had lots of Halloween fun with their family and friends. Our Halloween disco was enjoyed by all on our first day back and as ever the costumes, hairstyles and make-up were amazing- even better than Strictly's Halloween costumes. This week we welcome two new members of staff to our team, Miss Bryony Ellis who is working predominantly in our year 3/4 classes. Already we have been putting her creative talents to good use and she has been seen refereeing the daily football matches on the playground.

Ms Laura Stone is working predominantly in our year 6 classes supporting children with their learning.

Our children have all made a great start this week to our new whole school topic of Magic, Myths and Monsters and are making incredible progress. Teachers are excited to share this during Parents Evenings on the week beginning Monday 15th November which ends on 18th November with our annual Children in Need fundraising day.

Friday 19th November is a TRAINING DAY.

Have a nice bonfire weekend and stay safe!

Debbie Cousins



On Monday, Key Stage 1 launched their new topic 'Abracadabra!' by taking part in some very special magical lessons! Instead of having our normal lessons, such as Phonics and Maths at Hob Moor Primary school, the children were transported to 'Hob Moor School of Witchcraft and Wizardry', for the day, where they took part in 'Potions', 'Defence Against the Dark Arts' and the magical sport of 'Quidditch'.

We started the day with the sorting ceremony, where all the children were sorted into their new school houses (Dolpinus, Ursa Major, Cygnus and Pegasus) by the sorting hat before visiting Ollivander's wand shop to choose their very own magic wand! The children were then given their first challenge; to design a house crest showing their mythical creature and some of the house virtues.

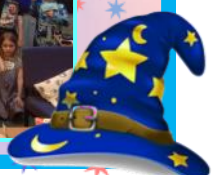
Then it was time for 'Potions' with Madame Tunstall. The children enjoyed measuring and mixing some bubbling and fizzing concoctions that went down a treat (and thankfully no children turned into frogs!).

After that it was time for 'Defence Against the Dark Arts' with Professor Hinde. Here, the children learnt the special wand movements and incantations to protect them against all manner of dark and dangerous creatures.

The last lesson of the morning was the magical game of Quidditch with Professor Donkin. The children learnt the rules of this ancient wizarding sport and took part in a real-life fast and furious game (albeit without the flying broomsticks!).

However, the highlight of the day was the Halloween Ball. The children, dressed in their spooky best, danced to ghoulish songs and played games surrounded by some beautifully carved pumpkins and carefully crafted cobwebs. Thank you to all parents, carers and staff who gave up their time to make this super topic launch a magical experience for the children in KS1.

Abracadabra!



Children in Need

Thursday 18th November

This year we are asking the children to wear something spotty and if possible bring a donation to help us raise money for Children in Need. Thank you



Poppy Appeal

Next week we will give poppies to children who make a small donation to help support the Armed Forces and their families. Please send donations in with your child to raise money for the poppy appeal during the run up to Remembrance Sunday.



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☆☆ enjoying mark making both ☆☆☆
☆☆ inside and outside at ☆☆☆
☆☆ choosing time. ☆☆☆
☆☆ Well done Ducklings ☆☆☆
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Family Matters York have Handling Anger courses, Time Out for Parents– The Teenage Years and Time Out for Dads course starting soon. To book a place or for further information please visit: <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/> or email: helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk.



Stars of the Week

5th November 2021

- Swan** Alfie for showing lots of enthusiasm during our Phonics and Maths sessions. Well done!
- Robin** Coby-James for challenging himself to write lots of words within our areas of provision!
- Toucan** Lexi for trying her hardest in all of our Phonics lessons and Guided reading sessions. I am super proud with how far she has come in both her Phonics and reading
- Parrot** Maya for being a super role model who has been extending her learning at home and challenging others in the class to do the same!
- Woodpecker** Ashleigh for her super story writing linked to 'Jane and the dragon'
- Puffin** Blake for being a lovely, kind, considerate and hardworking member of Year 3. Blake is a joy to have in class.
- Albatross** Alyssa for putting 100% effort into all her learning! Well done Alyssa
- Razorbill** Scarlett for always making the right choices and doing her very best with any challenge she faces.
- Osprey** Erica-Lilly for showing great determination in her Maths work.
- Eagle** Blake for excellent, persuasive writing this week
- Hawk** Tyson for his amazing writing and always having perfect, respectful manners and a positive attitude to learning.
- Falcon** George for always having lovely manners and for his fantastic attitude to work. You are a great role model. Well done!

Wellbeing Award

Alfie for a great start back to school

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Lilly for wearing such a lovely smile all week. It brightened my day!