



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Diary Dates

February

4th NSPCC Number Day
 7-11th Children's Mental Health Week
 8th Safer Internet Day
 14th Valentines Disco
 14th 'Worry Wizard' Big Foot
 Arts Group Workshops
 21-25th Half Term

March

3rd World Book Day
 18th Red Nose Day- 'Funny is Power'
 11th Training Day

April

11-22nd Easter Holidays

Headteacher Update 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last 2 weeks it has been wonderful welcoming children back into school after the festive holiday. The children have enjoyed greeting me with a 'Happy New year' and all appear so pleased to be back with their friends in school. In assembly we reflected on how at the start of a new year we all have high hopes of what that year might bring for us. We hope that 2022 is a year full of kindness, happiness and optimism for everyone. January is often a challenging month so to help us all beat the 'January Blues' we have got lots of fun activities planned in school this term.

The pantomime performed by M&M Theatrical Productions on the second day back was certainly an uplifting way to kick off the term and the shouts and laughter could be heard all around the building!

However, as well as providing lots of fun for the children and staff we are still dealing with the challenge of Covid-19 and I thank you all for your

support with this. As ever the guidance that we work hard to follow is ever changing and we will try our best to keep you updated. As ever, please speak to us if you have any questions around this. Best wishes

Debbie Cousins



Pantomime Fun



Last week we welcomed all the children back with a pantomime performance of A Christmas Carol from M&M productions, the children really enjoyed the show and it was a wonderful start to the New Year

Proud Team Captain of Team Pegasus

After an Autumn Term of rewarding children with handfuls of tokens we have finally counted them all up and Team Pegasus have won with 965 points. The yellow team were thrilled in assembly last week to hear that their hard work and respectful behaviour was going to be rewarded next week with a bounce on 'The Beast', a huge bouncy castle we are hiring for the day. Well done to Cairon and the Team!



Family Matters York have two 5 week Primary Years courses starting in January. The courses are as follows:
Time out for Parents- The Primary Years Tuesday 7.15-9pm, Starting 18th January via zoom. Time Out for Parents -The Primary Years Wednesday 9.30-11.30am, Starting 19th January in person To book a place or for further information please contact Helen Atkinson on 07393 147259 email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk or visit: <https://fmy.org.uk/parenting/>

Attendance

As we start a new term, we continue to focus on maintaining good attendance. It has been great to see so many children in school on time every day, seeing their smiles, laughter and enjoyment being with their teams, playing with their friends and enjoying some great learning.

We are still in an unprecedented time where Covid is still affecting some families and we hope that any of our families who have recently been unwell, make a speedy recovery.

Team Parrots have made a cracking start to this term, celebrating with Attendee Bear for achieving 99% attendance for the first week back! Great work!

Below are some top tips on how you can support your child to maintain good attendance in school.

- Talk to your child about their school day.
- Take a positive interest in your child's work, including reading or extra work at home.
- Make sure your child understands why school is important
- Get everything ready for school the night before.
- Arrange appointments before and after school where you can
- Organise family holidays in the school holidays and not in term time.
- Only grant days off for genuine illness where your child is too unwell to attend school.
- If your child is under the weather, still send them to school, children often feel better as the day goes on. If we are worried, we will call you.
- Children can still attend school when taking medicine. Please speak to the office about this.
- Speak to your child's teacher regularly or ask for an appointment with the Wellbeing and Behaviour team to seek further support.



Stars of the Week

7th January

Swan Joseph has been working on reading sentences back for fluency and has been working really hard on his writing and reading.

Robin Amiyah for an amazing start to our new term, where she is confidently sharing all of her ideas as well as always trying her hardest!

Toucan Kaiden for always putting in his best efforts into everything he does. Well done Kaiden!

Parrot Canaan for a settled and hard-working start to the new term, as well as being such a friendly and happy member of the class!

Woodpecker Jacob for coming back to school with an amazing attitude to his learning. Keep it up Jacob!

Puffin Isabel for returning to school with a lovely, happy smile and trying her hardest all week.

Albatross Maya for super effort and enthusiasm in everything she does.

Razorbill Skyler for her enthusiasm and hard work in all her lessons, especially maths. Well done Skyler!

Osprey Denis for a brilliant, enthusiastic attitude to all of his learning.

Eagle Alfie for a fantastic start back and for all your hard work in all subjects

Hawk Jayden for a fantastic attitude in class and being a brilliant friend to his classmates. Jayden has also written some amazing poetry and is making good progress in maths!

Falcon Lacey for being super focussed in all lessons, a fabulous support to her peers and always being smiley!

Wellbeing Award

Laila for making great choices and having a positive attitude in school

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Canaan for her enthusiastic singing during our pantomime.

14th January

Swan Freddie for his wonderful writing in review

Robin Elsie for always trying her hardest, which is helping her become a fluent reader and writer!

Toucan Elif for her super effort in her Phonics and Maths this week! Well done Elif!

Parrot Eloise for super effort and attitude in Phonics every single day! You are always one of the most confident and clearest readers in the class! Well done!

Woodpecker Zelal for her amazing attitude and effort in our discussions

Puffin Sadie for having the loveliest smile on her face all week which has kept everyone in team Puffin and beyond smiling too!

Albatross Tristan for super effort in maths with the multiplication method!

Razorbill Rikki for a much improved attitude towards his learning and some amazing knowledge and understanding in topic.

Osprey Ruby for always trying her best, helping others and being enthusiastic in her learning

Eagle James for trying his best and working so hard consistently throughout the week and for adapting really well to change

Hawk Summer for her constant dedication to learning and setting a brilliant example to others with her hard work and enthusiasm

Falcon Thomas for a fantastic attitude to learning and great improvement in writing - well done!

Wellbeing Award

Kimberly for brightening up our lunchtimes with a happy smile

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Emily for bringing another smile into Hob Moor! I hope you are enjoying being part of our team.