

Friday Letter for Parents and Carers 28th January 2022



Diary Dates

Headteacher Update

4th NSPCC Number Day/ CHSF Wear Red 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

4th World Book Day 18th Red Nose Day-'Funny is

Power' 11th Training Day Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe that we are very nearly at the end of January! Christmas is a distant memory now but I'm sure lots of children are still enjoying new technological devices that Santa kindly delivered. In school we continually look at what being safe online means and encourage you all to take steps at home to protect your child(ren) from the risks that social media interactions may bring. Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day when we will be discussing the theme 'All fun and games?' Exploring respect and relationships online! We will celebrate young peoples role in creating a safer internet, whether that is while gaming or interacting with their friends. Recently we have

been made aware of several concerns regarding this issue.

If you personally have any worries around this or any other queries on this matter please email us on admin.hmp@ebor.academy or speak to your child's teacher. As Covid restrictions are easing it is now ok to speak to staff on the door. However if it is something you would prefer to speak about privately please call the school office on 806655 to make an appointment initially with the class teacher. If they need support to resolve the issue, they will liaise with the phase leader, myself or the Well-being team.

All staff in school are always very busy at the start and the end of the school day and it is highly unlikely that staff will be available to speak to you at drop off or pickup time. We want you to share any concerns and resolve them with you as quickly as we can, so please do speak to us. Our primary and joint goal is to ensure our children are safe, happy and able to learn

Debbie Cousins

Albatross

Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed the start of their new topic 'Our Fragile Earth'. We launched our topic by having a look at all the plastic waste the teachers accumulated over 2 weeks. We couldn't believe how much there was! It really made us think about what we buy and the extra packaging lots of items have. We have looked at the worldwide problems plastic pollution is causing and have produced some detailed non-chronological reports to teach others about the plastic pollution.

"I have enjoyed learning about what plastic pollution does to the Earth because maybe we can help with it." Lydia Year 4

"Plastic is getting washed out to sea and is getting trapped around animals when they swim around the ocean. We need people to stop littering and stop using loads of plastic." Niamh Year 3 "8.8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our ocean every year!" Zara Year 3.

As well as the plastic pollution problem, Year 3 and 4 have also been looking further into pollution as a whole and the impact it is having on the world. We learnt that in 2050, the plastic pollution will have tripled if we don't do something now. We are going to be looking at ways we can persuade children and adults in school to do more to help, with not only the plastic pollution, but ways to reduce global warming.



Chimp Management, the team behind the UK's best-selling self-help book, the Chimp Paradox, put on a one-hour play for some 400 children and a talk for 110 adults before Christmas.

Professor Steve Peters, a consultant psychiatrist, explained to both sets of audiences how children can manage their emotions and behaviours by understanding how their mind works.



Ebor Academy Trust, which runs 24 schools, including Hob Moor, and Chimp Management have a longstanding partnership which helps teachers get the best out of children. Some £1,000 was raised after Chimp Management match-funded the sale of admission tickets and a raffle.

In a long career, Professor Peters has worked with over 20 Olympic and elite sporting teams and personalities to help them understand their minds to achieve maximum success.

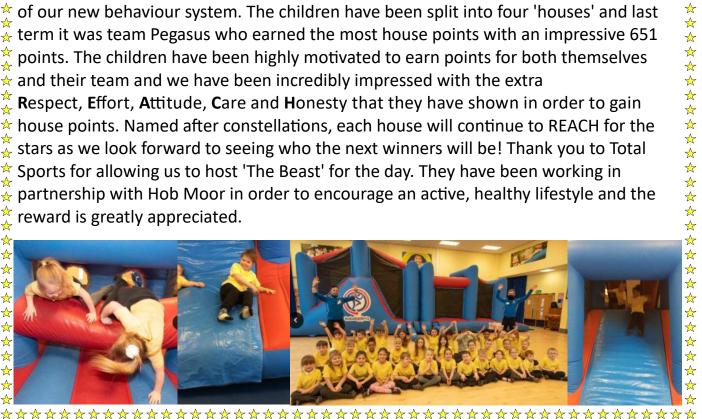
We are very grateful to Chimp Management for their generous support, everyone enjoyed the play and presentation and we will certainly make sure the generous donation will be put to good use.



On Friday 4th February we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day and the Children's Heart Surgery Fund Wear Red Day. We are asking children to come to school in non uniform, wearing a red item of clothing with numbers or patterns to tie in with our maths fundraising day. If you would like to make a donation please send it in on the day to help us raise money for these two worthy charities. Thank you.



Last week the children had great fun on 'The Beast' to celebrate the first house reward 🔅 of our new behaviour system. The children have been split into four 'houses' and last term it was team Pegasus who earned the most house points with an impressive 651 points. The children have been highly motivated to earn points for both themselves and their team and we have been incredibly impressed with the extra Respect, Effort, Attitude, Care and Honesty that they have shown in order to gain ★ house points. Named after constellations, each house will continue to REACH for the stars as we look forward to seeing who the next winners will be! Thank you to Total Sports for allowing us to host 'The Beast' for the day. They have been working in partnership with Hob Moor in order to encourage an active, healthy lifestyle and the reward is greatly appreciated.





Stars of the Week 21st January



Swan Michael for always trying his hardest and for his amazing puppet shows retelling some of his favourite stories

Robin Piper for her amazing addition this week, helping her friends solve addition problems to buy cupcakes from the cafe!

Toucan Wiktoria for making huge progress with her numbers and knowing her number bonds within 10! Super work Wiktoria!

Parrot Aaron for making huge progress in writing resulting in a super non-chronolgical report **Woodpecker** Akira-Rose for her exceptional effort in both Maths and Literacy. A huge well done! **Puffin** Jayden for constantly trying his best, helping others and keeping us all entertained with his fantastic stories

Albatross Henry for superb effort with his non-chronolgical report about plastic pollution. Well done Henry!

Razorbill Denzel for showing a love of learning at home and sharing some amazing research and knowledge with teachers and friends in school

Osprey Josue for always making the team smile, trying hard in all his learning and being a fantastic member of Team Osprey

Eagle Everyone for being a fantastic team and working really hard whilst adapting to change **Hawk** Ryan for giving 100% in every lesson, every day. His PE skills are fantastic and he is making brilliant progress particularly in maths. Well done!

Falcon Jack for always trying hard in his lessons and having super resilience but also for being a polite, kind member of team Falcons always

Wellbeing Award

Charlie for fantastic effort to improve punctuality at school It is great to see you in school on time everyday!

Joshua for fantastic creative ideas to design a year 2 ambassador hat to help the grown ups on the KS1 Playground

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Leo for always being really keen to get involved in our assembly discussions! Thank You, Leo

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Swan Ava for challenging herself in the areas by creating a fun fair game, making the tickets, signs and working with her friends to build it.

Robin Ellie for always trying her hardest, and coming into school with an infectious smile on her face each day!

Toucan Maisie for always putting in 100% effort in everything she does and always offering to help her friends

Parrot Henry for showing resilience, independence and perseverance in his Maths work this week **Woodpecker** Jovie for trying extremely hard with her reading. Keep it up Jovie!

Puffin Leo for persevering through a challenging week and still keeping a smile on his face. Leo's positivity and hard work inspires us all. Well done!

Albatross Harper for trying really hard to complete her learning and for showing superb resilience in maths with short division. A super week Harper, keep it up!

Razorbill Ella-Mai for making a conscious effort coming into school everyday and excelling in her maths

Osprey Mia for all of the extra work that she is doing and how determined she is with all of her work

Eagle Amelia for trying incredibly hard in all of her lessons, for all of her teachers!

Hawk Leo for his attitude to learning in all his lessons and for his growing confidence, especially in arithmetic. Additionally, Leo's behaviour is a great example to all his peers.

Falcon Terry for showing great kindness whilst also working his hardest to improve his own learning

Wellbeing Award

Ruban for coping with changes and working really well all week Ellie for showing a really mature attitude to school

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Award

Jack for being an amazing Ambassador! Your help with our younger children is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Lola for giving me such a lovely surprise! Your letter and drawings were beautiful, thank you.