



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

11th February 2022



Headteacher Update

Diary Dates

February
21-25th Half Term

March
4th World Book Day
8th Parents Community Hub
10-11.30
11th Training Day
25th Mothers Day Afternoon

April 8th Easter Eggstravaganza
11-22nd Easter Holidays

Happy Birthday this week to: Alicia, Frank, Isabella, Emmie & Katie



Sadly, Covid has finally caught up with me! A big thank you to all the staff for leading in my absence. My energy levels have improved as the week has gone on so I've managed to work remotely. I've missed everyone so much, it's an awful feeling being at home when everyone is having fun in school! I've got everything crossed for day 5 & 6 negative tests, I hope I'm skipping into work on Monday!

Cherelle (Branches TA) has worked full time at HMO whilst completing her degree part time in Development and Education, Children and Young People with Special Education Needs and Inclusion. She celebrated her hard work and success at her graduation ceremony on Monday! Mhairi (Catkins TA) also graduated this week with a BA Honours in Primary Education 5-11 with Qualified Teacher Status. We are all very proud of you both!



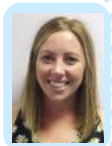
On Tuesday our Y6 pupils welcomed a small group of Y7 pupils back into the Oaks. The Y7s shared their experiences of life at Applefields and participated in a joint PE session in the gym. The Y6 parents were then invited to an afternoon session to listen to Andy Kemp, assistant head at Applefields, talk about the provision, class organisation and curriculum offer. Thank you to those who attended. We have more opportunities to support both children and parents for the transition to secondary school in the months ahead.

Enjoy prepping for World Book Day on 4th March. We made the decision a few years ago to only have non uniform days on a Friday. This supports our pupils with

Autism to have a clear start and finish to wearing their school uniform and the weekend helps make the distinction, hence the date being different to the national event!

We've got exciting news for after half term... Live assemblies are back! This means you will receive a text message inviting you to join us if your child is being awarded a golden leaf! We will need a week or two to practise our songs so we aim to invite parents from w/c 21st March.

Thank you to the 22 York families who have provided information for wraparound and out of school provision for York children with SEND. It will be very helpful in our discussions. The link will continue to work if you haven't yet had time to give your feedback, just return to your parent hub to access it. Enjoy the photographs of our NSPCC number day... isn't Maths exciting in HMO! Take care, Olivia



Branches



Branches class have been learning about journeys and different forms of transport. This has focused on emergency services and people who help us. We have learnt about fire engines, ambulances and the police. In science we have been making balloon powered hovercrafts.



Last week the children enjoyed taking part in the NSPCC Number day thank you to everyone for your kind donations we raised £38.10 towards this worthy cause.



Golden Leaf Awards 11th February 2022

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| Seedlings | Otis for enthusiastic exploration of our blue sensory materials |
| Acorns | Gracie-Mae for engaging well in sensory massage |
| Blossoms | Ava for fantastic transitions back from swimming |
| Twigs | Grace for being more tolerant of people in her personal space |
| Saplings | Noah for super independent walking |
| Buds | Lincoln for excellent problem solving skills in maths this week |
| Branches | Leon , brilliant work in maths ordering numbers |
| Roots | Reuben for exploring a range of new foods by touching, sniffing, licking and nibbling |
| Boughs | Kacper for writing fantastic sentences to make his own version of our story |
| Trunks | Presley for showing great confidence and doing very well with his AAC assessment |
| Catkins | Bella for demonstrating brilliant understanding of sinking and floating |
| Oak Leaves | Elliott for trying his best when sounding out and blending. Well done! |
| Oak Trees | Luca for using full sentences to communicate with the adults and his peers in his class. |

Olivia's Outstanding Award
Blossoms class for a successful EYFS stay and play session for parents.