



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 11th March 2022



### Diary Dates

#### March

11th Training Day  
25th Mothers Day Afternoon

#### April

8th Easter Eggstravaganza  
11-22nd Easter Holidays

#### May

2nd Bank Holiday  
30th May-3rd June- Half  
Term Holiday

Happy Birthday this  
week to:  
Mac and Georgia



Happy Friday! The school is very quiet today! The staff are receiving training on our new phonics scheme, which is completed by a new reading scheme. We will be rolling this out across the whole school with the vision to begin to send home home-readers that link to the phonics stage your child is learning. We aim to have this up and running for summer term.

10 members of staff have attended a 'Flexi bounce' training session, this new intervention will support our rebound therapy offer. As you can imagine, access to our trampoline in school is limited due to our pupil numbers and the shared gym with HMP. Therefore, we are reducing the pressures by training 10 staff to lead Flexi Bounce in ASC classes, which will allow for children with physical disabilities to access rebound more regularly. For children who may benefit from Flexi Bounce who are not currently supported in an ASC provision, we have 2 HLTAs also trained to offer this so don't worry! If you would like more information about this, visit their website.  
<https://www.flexi-bouncetherapy.org/>

If you would like to attend a parent workshop on Sensory Processing/Sensory differences, please click on the link to complete a google form <https://forms.gle/P8yu7BSt6fVAUmi8> (I will send this via parent hub also). The dates are 1pm-3pm on Tuesday 29th March & Tuesday 26th April. We can offer up to 3 places per family to support blended families, or support workers to attend. Louise from OT4Me is working in HMO every Tuesday. Visit her website for more details <https://ot4me.co.uk/>

Monday 21st March is World Down Syndrome day, staff will be wearing colourful socks to raise awareness. Join us if you'd like to! All you need to do is choose some socks that are going to get noticed - they might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy! #lotsofsocks  
I hope you've had a good Friday, hopefully enjoying an activity with your children! Take care,  
Olivia



### Headteacher Update

### Twigs



**This term, Twigs have been exploring different environments. We have travelled to mud baths in Africa, swamps in Central America and the tropical Polynesian beaches and oceans of the pacific. We have also explored music from Africa and the work of Jackson Pollock and the Automatism style in Creative Development. We have been identifying animal sounds and copying them in our phase one phonics and our phoneme/grapheme correspondence in phase 2 phonics. We have also focused on our hitting and striking skills in Physical Development.**







We will be raising money for Comic Relief by taking part in lots of fun and exciting activities, each class will choose a sponsored activity in the hope of raising money for this great cause. If you feel you would like to help us please complete your sponsor form and return along with your donation on Friday the 18th March. Non Uniform on Friday. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Buds class have had a great time on a trip to the park this week. We explored our senses as we listened to all the different sounds around us, our favourite was the train as it went over the bridge. We all had lots of fun on the play equipment at the park before a lovely walk back to school. Well done Buds

### Squeals n Wheels

A sports and games group for children who use equipment to get around  
12th March 3.00-4.00pm  
Holy Redeemer Church Hall,  
Boroughbridge Road.

Contact Simon on  
07738975927  
for more info



### City Screen- Autism Friendly Screening

Encanto is to be screened on Sunday 20th March the screening will start promptly at 11.15am. All tickets for this show cost £3.00. Please could wheelchair users book in advance so they can have enough spaces available. Please contact the cinema, if you should have any special requirements on 01904 612940 or email [cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk](mailto:cath.s@picturehouses.co.uk). Thank you



## Golden Leaf Awards 11th March 2022

<b>Seedlings</b>	<b>Maeve for developing her understanding of 'yes' and 'no'</b>
<b>Acorns</b>	<b>Leo for working so hard in your stander</b>
<b>Blossoms</b>	<b>Theo for a great transition around school during our listening walk</b>
<b>Twigs</b>	<b>Diogo for using yes/no hands to request to participate in our communication session.</b>
<b>Saplings</b>	<b>Theo for great progress with eating independently</b>
<b>Buds</b>	<b>Lincoln for working hard to blend phonic sounds in CVC words</b>
<b>Branches</b>	<b>Arthur for working hard in phonics</b>
<b>Roots</b>	<b>Evan for calm transitions around school, and sitting on a green chair extended times to complete work and group tasks</b>
<b>for</b>	<b>Frank for making his own simple circuit and using Scientific language throughout to discuss what was happening</b>
<b>Boughs</b>	<b>Presley for using his iPad in lessons for the first time, well done Presley!</b>
<b>Trunks</b>	<b>Matteo for great work in PE this week</b>
<b>Catkins</b>	<b>Alicia for brilliant reading and hard work in phonics lessons</b>
<b>Oak Leaves</b>	<b>Ziggy for trying new foods - Well done Ziggy, we are so proud of you!</b>
<b>Oak Trees</b>	

### Olivia's Outstanding Award

**Harry A-R for participation in phonics with a big smile on your face!**