

# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## Headteacher Update 9th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Christmas festivities have certainly been underway this week in school. Our Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all yesterday and once again our staff team all pulled together to make this a memorable day for the children.

Thank you to you all for your support at our Christmas events this year, especially the Christmas Fair which was a huge success! I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023. We all return to school on Tuesday 3rd January for our Annual Pantomime.

*Debbie Cousins*



### Staff Updates

As we approach the end of term we prepare to say a fond farewell and 'Good Luck' to 3 members of staff who are sadly leaving us next week. Mr Goldie is moving to work with older children in preparation for pursuing a teaching career in secondary education. Ms Chapman, who has worked at Hob Moor for nearly 9 years, is moving to a new post within North Yorkshire County Council as a Children and Family Support Worker. She has said she will miss children and staff greatly but is looking forward to the new opportunity.

AND FINALLY..... Mrs Harris is leaving us after 16 years in the office! I honestly don't know what we'll do without her but wish her a very happy retirement. Mrs Harris has loved her time at Hob Moor and says it's been an absolute pleasure to work at Hob Moor, it's a fantastic place to be! She has enjoyed working with so many talented staff and, of course, all the amazing children. It has been great to watch them grow and develop, moving from Nursery up to Year 6.

Mrs Hutton has been successful in securing the post of Senior Admin' Assistant and we have appointed a new member of the office team. Mrs Gowland will take up her post in January 2023.

We have also recently welcomed 3 other new members of staff; Mrs Dobson, Miss Colquitt and Miss Leslie who will be joining our wonderful support staff team. We hope they are all very happy in their new roles.

### KS1 & EYFS Nativity







## Our class attendance this week is...

| W/B         | 21.11.2022 | 28.11.2022 |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Orca        | 72.40%     | 64.86%     |
| Turtle      | 83.30%     | 89.50%     |
| Starfish    | 94.30%     | 92.40%     |
| Octopus     | 80.00%     | 95.60%     |
| Seahorse    | 94.80%     | 93.75%     |
| Dolphin     | 95.10%     | 91.74%     |
| Stingray    | 91.50%     | 95.70%     |
| Lobster     | 90.30%     | 88.89%     |
| Puffer Fish | 80.60%     | 95.53%     |
| Shark       | 91.50%     | 78.85%     |
| Sea Otter   | 90.30%     | 90.00%     |
| Whale       | 92.10%     | 88.15%     |

The children in Year 5/6 have had a super festive and busy time these past few weeks. Along with trying their absolute best in assessment week they have had lots of Christmas craft fun, making items to sell for our very successful Christmas Fair! We were so pleased to see so many people from our local community supporting our fair and the children thoroughly enjoyed it! Sea Otters made beautifully decorated clay Christmas tree decorations with their names stencilled on them and Whales made Santa and snowmen decorated chocolate. Sharks made home-made hot chocolate and marshmallow reindeers.

We had our Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day this week- the children looked fantastic and the dinner was delicious! EYFS and KS1 amazed us with their fabulous nativities performed to the whole school and parents! The singing, costumes and speaking parts were amazing!

This week we also took our sing and sign club children to Lincoln Court Residential Home to sing some Christmas songs for the residents and deliver handmade cards from all of the classes in school. The residents were so happy to see us and they thought the children were amazing as they sang so beautifully!

We wish all of our families a healthy and happy Christmas and a fabulous New Year!

## Free Online Parenting Workshop on Supporting a Child with Anxiety

The number of children and young people experiencing anxiety in the UK has increased over the last couple of years. It is a common emotional difficulty that can impact all areas of life, including homework and school. Parenting a child who feels high levels of anxiety or is 'worrier' can be hard and it can be difficult to know how best to respond.

Whilst unfortunately there are no 'magic solutions', deepening your understanding of anxiety, and support strategies that you can implement at home, can be hugely helpful.

### What will be covered in the workshop?

Join two of our experienced child and young people therapists, for a free one-hour introductory workshop on understanding anxiety, how it can present in young children and people, and practically ways you can support your child.

### How to book.

Email our children and young people team at [cyptsinfo@theretreatyork.org.uk](mailto:cyptsinfo@theretreatyork.org.uk) or call 01904 412551 and we will send your further information and a link to join the workshop online.

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## Poppy Appeal

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