



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

13th January 2023



Diary Dates

January

19th Census Day Lunch
17th Team Whale's Assembly
2.45pm

February

3rd NSPCC Number Day
6th - 10th Children's Mental
Health Week
10th School finishes for half term
holiday
20th School reopens

March

3rd Hob Moor World Book Day
Celebration
(National World Book Day is
Thursday 2nd March)
17th Training Day

Headteacher Update

Happy New Year to all of our Hob Moor families!
We welcome you all back to school after the Christmas holidays. I hope you have had a good start to 2023, I know we certainly have! We had a brilliant afternoon on the first day back, when we enjoyed the M&M Production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Laughter was heard throughout the school and it was a great way to start the term. Already in the first two weeks, as I have walked around school and visited lessons, the children are showing enthusiasm for their new learning themes and working incredibly hard. Our whole school topic for this half term is 'The Tales we Tell', with a big focus on Science and Design / Technology.

As we start the new year, we welcome our new staff; Mrs Gowland, Mrs Dobson, Miss Colquitt and Miss Leslie but we also pass on huge congratulations to Miss Brady who is now the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) for Hob Moor Community Primary Academy. Miss Brady impressed the Academy interview panel just before Christmas and is delighted to take on her new role in school. Nicky Ellis, who has worked across both Hob Moor Primary and Hob Moor Oaks in a Federation role for

Safeguarding, Behaviour and Wellbeing, has moved into a full time role with Hob Moor Oaks this term. Nicky has worked with children, and families of Hob Moor Primary over the past 12 years and I would like to personally thank her for all her amazing work. Over the last two weeks she has moved desks but we're very pleased we will still see her gorgeous smile and hear her kind words on a daily basis. I hope she enjoys her new role.

Debbie Cousins



Key Stage 1



This half term in KS1 we will be exploring the theme 'Into the Woods', this will be all about different fairy tales! So far, we have read the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and assisted the Fairy Tale Police with writing character descriptions of the Big Bad Wolf so that they can gather enough evidence against him. Little Red Riding Hood also set us a task as she needed help with making Grandma a healthy fruit salad. KS1 looked into the five food groups to understand why we need a varied diet and then designed a fruit salad for Grandma. We then practiced safe chopping skills, and then tested our recipes to check Grandma would like them! We have had lots of fun already with 'Into the Woods'.



Our class attendance this week is...

Orca	84.62%	84.60%	94.20%
Turtle	94.54%	94.50%	94.40%
Starfish	93.68%	93.70%	85.50%
Octopus	74.00%	74.00%	95.00%
Seahorse	92.50%	92.50%	96.40%
Dolphin	90.87%	90.90%	95.10%
Stingray	92.14%	92.10%	97.30%
Lobster	88.46%	88.50%	91.30%
Puffer Fish	93.33%	93.30%	92.60%
Shark	77.86%	77.90%	90.60%
Sea Otter	96.30%	96.30%	93.50%
Whale	91.11%	91.10%	98.60%

Baby Announcement

We are delighted to announce that both Mrs Barr and Miss Peryer are expecting babies in the summer. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best!

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 homelife 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 or call 01904 412551 and we will send your further information and a link to join the workshop online.

At The Retreat Clinics, we are passionate about supporting young people and families to achieve their full potential and be mentally healthy.

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Stars of the Week 6th January

Turtle Lincoln for having a fantastic week back in school, where he has shown a fantastic attitude towards his writing!

Starfish Michael for coming back into school with a brilliant attitude to learning, and showing a fantastic attitude to all elements of his learning. Well done Michael!

Octopus Savannah for writing an amazing character description on "The Big Bad Wolf". Well done!

Seahorse Eddie for his amazing writing about "The Big Bad Wolf" this week. Keep up the amazing work Eddie!

Dolphin Henry for showing resilience and perseverance in Phonics, and achieving a fantastic result!

Stingray Noah for making a really positive start to the new term. Keep it up!

Lobster Isabel for a super start to the new year, getting on with morning tasks independently and having a smile on her face all day.

Puffer Fish Sophie for having an amazing start to 2023. She has shown a fantastic attitude to her learning. Keep up the great work. Well done Sophie!

Shark Leo for having such an amazing first week back, engaging in learning and giving everything a good go. Keep it up Leo!

Sea Otter Lilly for having a fantastic end to last year and start to the new year. Working really hard in all sessions, and being kind and caring to others.

Whale Jayden for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude and doing brilliantly in all his lessons this week.

Wellbeing Award

Alfie for a fantastic first week back.

Mrs Cousins Headteachers Awards

Braxton for being such a fantastic member of the Hob Moor team—we'll all miss you. Good Luck in your new school.

James for making lots of new friends at his new school.