

Friday Letter for Parents and Carers 28th April 2023



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents /Carers,

I hope you all had a fabulous Easter break and that you enjoy the 3 day Bank holiday weekends this week and next.

Diary Dates

May

1st - Bank Holiday

5th · Dress in Red, White & Blue to celebrate the King's Coronation

8th - Bank Holiday

As we start a new term, I wanted to let you know that the DfE (Department for Education) has introduced new rules for September that require all main stream schools to deliver a compulsory school week of at least 32.5 hours. This is because there is variation currently between schools across the country in terms of the amount of time children have in school. As a result, many schools are planning to change their start and / or finish times through a parental consultation.

We are lucky at Hob Moor that we only need to make a small tweak to our current times. Currently, both our Reception children and all our KS2 children (Yr3 - Yr6) access exactly the correct amount of time in school. Our KS1 (Yr1 and Yr2) need to access 5 minutes more a day, and therefore from September 2023 all children (except our Nursery children) will finish school at 3.20pm.

This will mean very little, if any, change to the majority of families. However, we do recognise that in September this will be a slight change to our current Year 1 children and I would ask you to come and speak to me if this is going to prove difficult for you.

To be clear, from September 2023, the timings for our school days will be:

Reception children: 8.45am - 3.15pm
KS1 and KS2 children: 8.50am - 3.20pm

Nursery times will remain the same:

Morning session: 8.45am - 11.45am
 Afternoon session: 12.30pm - 3.30pm
 Full Day: 8.45am - 3.30pm



Many thanks for your support with making sure that our school is compliant with the new rules for mainstream schools from September. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions.

Debbie Cousins

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This week, the children in Reception have enjoyed exploring our new topic, "All Around the World". We have been exploring different parts of the world, looking at lots of countries. We have been having lots of discussions around the similarities and differences between our country and others.

Lots of Team Turtles and Starfish were amazed to see volcanoes erupting and have chosen to read stories to find out more. This has led to lots of children creating their own volcano experiments this week, which "erupted all over Mr Unwin's clothes! It was so funny!"

We have also explored how Ramadan is celebrated around the world and created our own Mehndi patterns. We were able to hear from people who are celebrating Ramadan and ask lots of inquisitive questions!











Year 3 & 4 present:













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Octopus

Stars of the Week

21st April

Turtle Eliza for her fantastic creativity when creating models and pictures, where she pays meticulous

attention to detail.

Starfish Grace for her brilliant topic knowledge of

Dinosaurs and using every opportunity to find

out more about them in our topic area.

Asher for thinking carefully about the details to make a fantastic Great Fire of London collage

and Tudor house.

Seahorse Wiktoria for always using great expression when

reading her book. Well done Wiktoria, keep it

up!

Dolphin Alfie for making a super Tudor house model in

DT, paying attention to detail and being able to

explain each feature of his model!

Stingray Mason for beginning to join the Stingray team

on an afternoon; coming to his first assembly & for doing some fantastic hopping during our

sponsored hop.

Lobster Sofia for creating fantastic print work linked to

the Stone Age.

Puffer Fish Callum for amazing detail & care in his big

book work.

Shark Johana for WOW behaviour and showing

REACH values.

Sea Otter Ellie for her fantastic creative work using

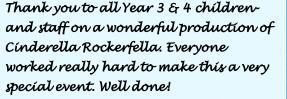
recyclable materials.

Whale Blake-Tyler for his fantastic contributions to

History lessons so far this year.



Isaac for his incredible construction skills. I love admiring his tall towers!



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W/C	27.03.2023	17.04.2023
Orca	85.23%	91.00%
Turtle	88.21%	96.40%
Starfish	89.01%	92.00%
Octopus	90.00%	93.30%
Seahorse	88.33%	88.80%
Dolphin	91.67%	89.60%
Stingray	92.14%	95.70%
Lobster	84.62%	92.30%
Puffer Fish	91.06%	95.20%
Shark	90.74%	96.30%
Sea Otter	87.31%	95.40%
Whale	95.56%	92.80%
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