



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 14th July 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

As you can see from our newsletter this week we have certainly had a fun packed fortnight at Hob Moor. The children all really enjoyed taking part in our Sports Days last week, the weather was really kind to us and it was fantastic to welcome so many visitors to cheer the children down the track. A huge thank you to all the staff for organising such a wonderful week of sporting activity. As we move towards the final week of the term, we are looking forward to reflecting on another very successful year at Hob Moor. Our Year 6 pupils will be performing their end of year production on Tuesday at 1.30pm and then we will be saying 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to them all in a special final Year 6 Celebration assembly on Thursday at 2.15pm. They are a wonderful bunch and should be so proud of what they have achieved. We wish them all the best for their move to secondary school in September. They have been asking me for weeks 'How many days have we got left now, Mrs.Cousins?' Sadly it's only 5 and I definitely need to stock up on tissues for our final week together!

Happy weekend, everyone.

*Debbie Cousins*



### KS1 fun at Filey



### Year 2



On Saturday 1st July some children from Year 2 had the opportunity to take part in fundraising for our school at Morrisons in Acomb. Several Year 2 children joined Miss Tunstall and Mr Donkin between 9am and 12pm to collect donations from the general public, with the money collected going towards trips, visitors and sports. The children proudly wore 'Hob Moor Sports' t-shirts and Ebor Academy Trust caps. All children represented school in an exemplary manner and demonstrated our REACH values when talking with members of the public. We raised a huge £307, some of which will go towards paying for the KS1 trip to Filey. A huge well done to all children who gave up their Saturday morning, and a HUGE thank you to Natalie Brown, Morrisons Children's Champion, for organising the event.



## Early Years and Childcare Parent/Carer Survey 2023

We are undertaking our annual parent/carers survey to help the local authority understand the childcare needs of families in York and to help plan for sufficient high quality early years and childcare places across the city. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this survey with your families which can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EarlyYearsChildcare23> before the end of term. The closing date for the survey is **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**.

Answers will be kept confidential and parents / carers will not be identified in any way in the reporting and use of this survey. The survey should only take approximately 10 minutes to complete and we will be sharing a summary of the findings with providers to also help you plan for the coming terms. If you have any queries regarding the survey, please contact a member of the Early Years and Childcare Service on 01904 553880.

Kind regards,

[earlyyearsfundings@york.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyearsfundings@york.gov.uk)

### Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Starfish	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
26.06.2023	88.8%	99.0%	89.5%	95.8%	96.3%	97.5%	92.9%	83.0%	92.2%	87.4%	94.2%	87.6%
03.07.2023	85.6%	96.4%	98.0%	93.5%	96.3%	97.1%	91.8%	88.5%	94.8%	91.1%	95.4%	91.0%

**Summer Reading Challenge 2023**  
**Ready, Set, Read!**  
 Presented by The Reading Agency.  
 Delivered in partnership with libraries.  
 Scan me to book events  
 explore  
 Libraries and Archives

Amelia Haire, from Acomb library, came to assembly on Monday to tell all the school about this year's **Summer Reading Challenge - Ready, Set, Read!** The aim of the Challenge is to read 6 library books over the summer holidays. It's FREE to take part, and rewards and prizes can be collected along the way, with a certificate and medal for all who complete the Challenge. Under 5s can sign up to the mini challenge, receiving a sticker for each book they share and a gold medal sticker & a certificate when they complete the challenge. On your marks - **Ready, Set, Read!** [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**Summer Activities for Children at the Yorkshire Arboretum**

**NATURE RANGERS DAYS**  
 Wednesday 26 July 10am - 3pm  
**Plants and Growing**  
 Thursday 31st August 10am - 3pm  
**The Creatures in our Environment**  
 Monday 30th October 10am - 3pm  
**Seed Dispersal and Nocturnal Animals**  
 Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the creatures we share it with. Bring a bag to take creations home. Packed lunch recommended or lunch money for the Arboretum Café.  
**£15 per child - must be accompanied by an adult (Adult admission free)**  
 Booking essential. Suitable for age 5 years & above.

**POND DIPPING**  
 Tuesday 1st August 10am, 11am, 1pm & 2pm  
 Come and dip for creatures/invertebrates in our pond with our education team. Look for the creatures that hide in the water plants at the edge of our lake.  
 Drop in session - Booking not required.

**MINI-BEASTS**  
 Monday 15th August 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm  
 Look for and identify mini beasts with our education team. Look for the creatures that hide under logs and stones  
 Drop in session - Booking not required.

**NETTLE AND DOCK WORKSHOPS**  
 Mon 21st, Wed 23rd & Fri 25th August 2pm - 3pm  
 Fun workshop with songs and stories.  
 Drop in sessions - Suitable for age 5 years & above

**BAT FEST DAY**  
 Saturday 19th August 10am - 4pm  
 Visit the local bat group's stand during the day to chat all things bats along with for bat crafts and colouring.  
 Saturday 19th August 6.30pm - 10pm  
 The arboretum will be going batty about bats to celebrate 'International Bat Night'. Bat talks, bat activities and an evening BBQ and bat walk - with bat detectors and infrared camera over our lake.  
**£25 per child £35 per adult**  
 For all ages - Booking essential for evening.

**GROW YOUR OWN OAK**  
 Sunday 29th October 10am, 11am and 1pm  
 Wednesday 1st November 10am, 11am and 1pm  
 Drop in sessions - Booking not required.

## Stars of the Week

14th July

**Turtle**

Team Turtles for their amazing effort in their class assembly, where they were fantastic at performing their Talk4Writing!

**Starfish**

Yaroslava for making a great start in Reception & being an excellent role model for Team Starfish!

**Octopus**

Team Octopus for adapting amazingly to two new teachers & making us feel welcome!

**Seahorse**

Elif for making a fantastic sea creature finger puppet using a running stitch. Well done Elif!

**Dolphin**

Reggie for showing a great work ethic & encouraging his team mates during sports day!

**Stingray**

Kaiden for fantastic work in French. He listens so carefully & can speak so well in French. Tres Bien Kaiden!

**Lobster**

Henry for having such a caring nature & always helping staff and children.

**Puffer Fish**

Jayden for his amazing attitude to learning in all lessons. He is always polite, kind & honest to everyone. I am super proud of you! Keep up the good work Jayden.

**Shark**

Kara for her amazing, supportive work as a Sports Leader. You have been brilliant! Keep it up.

**Sea Otter**

Izzy for her fantastic attitude to big events recently including London & York High visits, and being able to discuss how she is feeling about them.

**Whale**

Bryony for her excellent writing skills & being a constantly brilliant example of attitude and behaviour for her peers.

### Mrs Cousins' Headteacher Award

Millie for her kindness & always remembering our REACH values. I think you'd make a great Ambassador next year.