



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

13th October 2023



Headteacher Update 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know as a school we have signed up for the NSPCC "Kindness Challenge" project whereby children are encouraged to carry out acts of kindness in school, at home and in the community. It has been lovely to see these acts of kindness around school (including being kind to yourself and wearing fluffy socks!!!).

My lunchtime chess club managed our first game this week, and the children could remember the name of every chess piece and the directions each piece could move! I was very impressed!

It's **National School Meals Week**, the week beginning 6th November, and we are inviting Reception parents of children having a school dinner that day to enjoy a free school dinner along with their child on **Wednesday 8th November** in school (more details to follow).

Unfortunately after a great start to our school attendance, this has dipped recently. Whilst we know some absences are unavoidable, we would like to stress the importance of children attending school every day. More information will be shared with you at parents evening and some potential action plans will take place where needed.

The latest safety guidelines regarding jewellery and P.E. is that all earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons. If for whatever reason they cannot be removed, tape will be provided by the class teacher. Please let your teacher know if there are any issues with this, and if so, provide tape that the children are able to wear. Thank you for your support in this, our goal, as always, is to keep our children safe and to enjoy their P.E. lessons.

Another polite reminder for everyone is to please dismount from any scooter or bike once entering the school grounds for the safety of all. Also, for the younger children not to be unaccompanied in the playground before the start of the school day at 8.40am.

Happy weekend everyone!

Diary Dates

October:

- 20th** Non-Uniform Day
Please bring a donation for the Harvest Festival
- 23rd** Harvest Festival Assembly
- 24th** KS2 Parent's Evening
- 25th** EYFS & KS1 Parent's Evening

November:

- w/c 6th** National School Meals Week
- w/c 13th** Anti-bullying week
- 13th** Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying week
- 17th** Children in Need
- 24th** *Please bring a prize for the Rainbow Raffle*

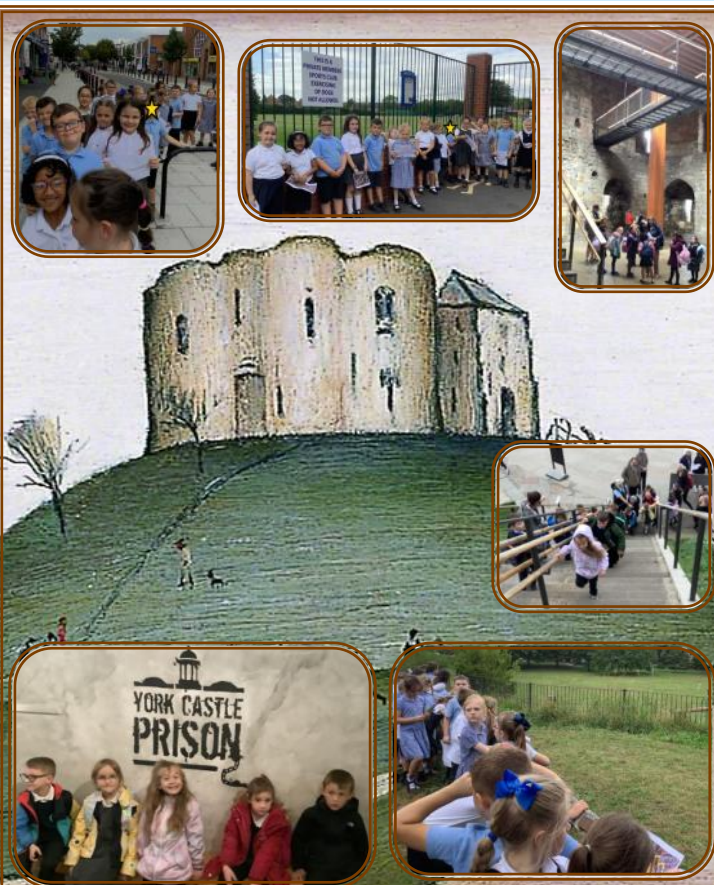
December:

- 1st** Christmas Fair
- 8th** Training Day
- 14th** Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day



Nina Hagen

KS1



This half term the children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning all about York. Our theme, 'Out of My Window', has involved the children learning about their local area of Acomb, as well as key landmarks in York city centre.

We began by looking at aerial pictures of landmarks in Acomb and discussing how we could identify and name them by using clues in the pictures. We went for a walk around Acomb, stopping at each landmark and working out where we were on our maps. Once we were back, we drew our route onto a map and worked out which direction (North, South, East or West) we walked when travelling between each landmark.

We then looked at aerial photographs of landmarks in York city centre, and in particular Clifford's Tower. In our history lessons, we looked at how the appearance of York Castle had changed over the past 950 years, until there was just Clifford's Tower left! We also learnt about key events that had happened at the castle since it was built in 1068.

The following week we went on a trip to see Clifford's Tower as it looks today. We climbed the steep spiral staircases to get right to the top of the castle where we could see all those landmarks that we had been learning about from the top! We also explored the Castle Museum where we were very excited to see the Victorian Street and the 'Toys Through Time' exhibit. We were even brave enough to walk through the old Victorian prison and learn about some of the prisoners who were locked up there hundreds of years ago!

This week we have been learning about the artwork of LS Lowry as we prepare to draw and paint our own version of his famous Clifford's Tower painting. In English we have been reading stories all about Knights, Castles and Dragons ready to write our instructions for 'How to Train a Dragon' next week! Team Seahorse are looking forward to telling you more about their instruction writing in their class assembly next week.

Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Starfish	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
25.09.2023	91.50%	90.00%	94.30%	91.70%	98.60%	97.60%	97.50%	90.00%	92.20%	92.60%	93.10%	92.90%
02.10.2023	89.40%	88.80%	94.30%	93.60%	96.40%	96.40%	89.60%	90.20%	95.60%	85.40%	88.30%	91.40%

Middy Supervisors needed to cover Maternity Leave

HMP are looking for Middy Supervisors to cover maternity leave starting as soon as possible. The hours are Monday to Friday 1.5 hours per day between 11.50am until 1.20pm. The rate of pay is £11.59 per hour and the hours are term time only.

Please contact e.cooper1@ebor.academy if you are interested, or know any grandparents who may be.



We recently sent home **student update forms** for parents to check and return to school. To ensure we hold the correct contact information and parental permissions for your child please check the details and amend as necessary. Please return forms to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

6th October



- Turtle** Daisy for her amazing effort in phonics, where she has begun reading lots of words!
- Starfish** Brodie for his amazing effort in all his learning this week and trying his best to hear all our new sounds in words when exploring our areas!
- Octopus** Asher for always being a super role model in our class and being caring to his friends.
- Seahorse** Mab for her amazing effort in all of her learning and being a great role model in Team Seahorse. Well done Mab, keep it up!
- Dolphin** Freddie for explaining his knowledge in a clear and helpful way!
- Stingray** Grace for always trying and giving her best in every lesson. She shows a fantastic attitude in every lesson. Well done Grace, keep it up!!
- Lobster** Lily-May for being a helpful, kind, caring and knowledgeable friend to her peers when they find bits of their learning challenging.
- Puffer Fish** Kaiden for showing enthusiasm on our school trip to the art gallery and reading all of the information to his group. Well done Kaiden.
- Shark** Freddie for his amazing enthusiasm in our Science lesson (making circuits). Keep up the good work!
- Sea Otter** Laila for being a brilliant example for others and showing our REACH values to others.
- Whale** Matilda for showing she can always try her best, even when things get difficult.

Headteacher Award

Jacob for being such a helpful and knowledgeable chess coach for the other children in my chess club this week - thank you.



13th October

- Turtle** Jesse for always showing amazing effort and being a super role model in the class.
- Starfish** Mack for showing our REACH values, and always being a positive and enthusiastic role model in Team Starfish.
- Octopus** Callum for always trying his best in his learning and being a super star in phonics!
- Seahorse** Ellie for her super writing in her instructions, and trying her hardest with her handwriting. Well done Ellie, keep it up!
- Dolphin** Millie-Rose for writing a fantastic set of instructions on her own and taking great care with her presentation!
- Stingray** Eloise for always showing a positive attitude in all aspects of her learning. She always tries her best and encourages others to do so by setting amazing examples. Well done Eloise, keep up the amazing work!
- Lobster** Jenny for always trying her best in all aspects of her learning and persevering when she finds something tricky.
- Puffer Fish** Leona for super effort in her learning, and for showing some great swimming and jumping in the pool.
- Shark** Roman for starting our team with such bravery and resilience. It is amazing to have him in Team Shark!
- Sea Otter** Matty for his enthusiasm and contributions to the class assembly.
- Whale** Aubree for her amazing contributions to all class discussions.

Headteacher Award

Roxy for an amazing improvement in her hand writing - well done!!!

