



# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 27th October 2023



### Headteacher Update 27th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks in school leading up to half term.

We had a fantastic harvest assembly and we were delighted with the children's generous donations. So many food items were collected and they have gone to the Food Bank to help local families who are in need.



Year 5/6 had a fantastic trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park this week where they explored a variety of modern and contemporary sculptures albeit in the rain!! In school, the children have also enjoyed creating their own sculpture designs out of clay, based on a local community theme.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jess for her amazing mural in our reception area. It is a wonderful celebration of Hob Moor Federation. Thank you!

York Cares volunteers are supporting primary school aged children with their reading by offering 1:1 reading support sessions located at Acomb Library. If any families are interested, please see overleaf for further details.

I hope all of the children have a safe and fabulous Halloween and Bonfire Night!

Happy half term everyone!

### Diary Dates

#### 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



Nina Hagen

### LKS2

This half term Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed our theme of 'REACH out'. We have spent time looking at Europe and explored countries, capital cities and flags. The staff have been blown away by the vast knowledge of some children! We looked at different artists from around Europe and enjoyed going to the art gallery for our school trip.

In writing this half term we have focussed on 'The Barnabus Project'. This book is about a creature who is half mouse and half elephant. He is a failed project and breaks free into the wide world. The children have created some excellent character descriptions and retold the story. They have enjoyed inventing their own 'failed projects' and creating a new story for them.

In Design & Technology, we have explored pop-up books and have created our own link to 'The Barnabus Project'. We are very excited to share these with you at our open doors on Wednesday 8th November at 3pm!



Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Starfish	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
09/10/2023	98.60%	96.70%	91.40%	91.80%	88.20%	94.00%	93.20%	93.20%	93.30%	90.00%	90.70%	91.40%
16/10/2023	92.30%	93.60%	88.60%	98.20%	95.50%	87.20%	96.40%	92.50%	97.00%	91.80%	85.90%	90.60%

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT & COFFEE 2023**

Craft Stalls  
 Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Stall  
 Fair Trade Stall  
 Community Cafe with Christmas Treats and Lunches

**Saturday 18th November**  
**10.00am-2.30pm**  
**Acomb Parish Church Hall**  
**Front Street YO24 3BZ**

Family Room  
 Children's Crafts, Games & Activities  
 Free squash & cake for children

Facebook: AcombParishYork  
 Website: www.acombparish.org

Acomb Parish  
 Loving God  
 Serving Others  
 Growing Together

I loved reading with the school children and seeing the world of words, books and imagination through the eyes of a small person once again. It was lovely to re-discover the meaning of new words and exploring new stories with young people who were learning from the start. I'd like to think they had fun and learned during our sessions.

**RIGHT TO READ**

The scheme aims to raise literacy standards in the city and encourage a love of reading. Working with the library and our trained volunteers we are providing one-to-one reading support for primary age children.

**WHEN:** Thursdays, 4-5 pm, November & December

**WHERE:** Acomb Explore Library

**WHO:** Primary age children

**HOW:** Inquire about sign up today, just ask a member of library staff

York cares  
 info@yorkcares.co.uk  
 with explore

**Flu Immunisations 6th November 2023**

Just a reminder that we have Flu Immunisations on Monday 6th November. Please use the link that was sent out on ParentHub by the admin team. Thank you.

**Midday Supervisors needed to cover Maternity Leave**

HMP are looking for Midday 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@bor.academy if you are interested, or know any grandparents who may be.

As part of our school lunch on **Friday 17th November**, Pudsey Biscuits will be served instead of Fresh Fruit to celebrate **Children in Need**.

**Poppy Appeal** After half term we will be giving poppies to our children. If you would like to make a small donation to help support the Armed Forces and their families, please send donations in with your child to help us raise money for the poppy appeal during the run up to Remembrance Sunday. Thank you.

**Stars of the Week 27th October**

<p><b>Turtle</b> Yole for an amazing start to Team Turtles, where she has demonstrated lots of our REACH values!</p> <p><b>Starfish</b> Mia for her growing confidence within our maths this week where we have been ordering our numbers 1-5, and showing a positive attitude towards all her learning!</p> <p><b>Octopus</b> Martha for always showing kindness to her friends and being a role model for her team.</p> <p><b>Seahorse</b> Alexa for trying so hard in her instruction writing and using her talk for writing to help her build her sentences. Well done Alexa, keep it up!</p> <p><b>Dolphin</b> Keegan-Jae for showing a positive attitude to his learning!</p>	<p><b>Stingray</b> Wiktoria for always showing amazing attitude in your learning. You are a role model for everyone in the class. You constantly show the school REACH values and are an absolute joy to teach. Keep up the amazing work Wiktoria. Mr Wilson is very proud of you.</p> <p><b>Lobster</b> Oscar for trying so hard with his writing, using the colourful semantics to help him write increasingly independently.</p> <p><b>Puffer Fish</b> Naomi for writing a fantastic 'Barnabus Project' story using fronted adverbials, conjunctions and similes. Well done!</p> <p><b>Shark</b> Amelia for being a real role model in Team Shark. Thank you for your hard work!</p> <p><b>Sea Otter</b> Marnie for a fantastic positive start to Year 6 this half term.</p> <p><b>Whale</b> Scarlett for amazing contributions in our whole class read.</p>
---	---

**Wellbeing Award**  
 Sophie for working really hard on understanding her emotions and showing good resilience in all areas of school.

**Headteacher Award**  
 Karen for always being a lovely, friendly and helpful girl who puts a smile on my face.