

# Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

## 15th December 2023

Headteacher Update 15th December 2023

What an exciting term we have had!

The children have experienced some fantastic opportunities; including the Year 6 Residential, school trips, performances outside of school and visitors into school.

Our Christmas performances have been fabulous this week. We raised money for Martin House on our Christmas jumper day. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday!

I would very much like to take this opportunity to say a final goodbye to our wonderful Headteacher, Mrs Cousins, who leaves us at Christmas. We wish you a wonderful retirement and want to say a HUGE thank you for your years at Hob Moor and your dedication to all of our families. You will be greatly missed.

In January we all look forward to welcoming our new Headteacher, Mr Tim Jolly. Mr Jolly has already enjoyed several days in school to meet children and staff.

### EXCITING NEWS: HOB MOOR PRIMARY SNOWFEST

Come and see our magical snowmaker in action!!!! Every morning next week from 8.40am ALL children can come through the main gates onto the KS2 playground on the way to their classroom to see the snow!!

I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Just one more week till school closes on Friday 22nd December. Happy holidays everyone!

### Diary Dates

#### December:

- 19th** KS1 Christmas Party (PM)
- 20th** EYFS Christmas Party (PM)
- 21st** LKS2 Christmas Party (PM)
- 22nd** KS2 Christmas Carols 9.00am—Doors open at 8.50am
- 22nd** UKS2 Christmas Party (PM)
- 22nd** Last day of term

#### January:

- 8th** First day of term



Nina Hagen

### KS1 / Nativities



This week the children in Key Stage 1 have enjoyed sharing their Christmas Nativity performance with their friends and family. The show, titled 'Don't Be Afraid', follows two inn-keepers called Sam and Sam who own the brand new inn in Bethlehem. It's opening night at the inn, but not everything is going to plan! We meet the characters 'Fear', 'Doubt' and 'Panic' who are constantly on the shoulders of our main characters trying to make them worry and panic so that everything goes horribly wrong (think the Disney film 'Inside Out')! But in the end, the Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary and Joseph overcome their fears (thanks to some helpful Angels and encouraging friends) to make it to the stable in Bethlehem in time for the birth of Baby Jesus!

The children have been working so hard since early November preparing for their performance! They have done so well to learn seven brand new songs and all the Makaton signs to go with the lyrics. They have worked even harder learning their lines at home and then practicing saying them loudly and clearly during our many rehearsals!

We are immensely proud of all our children and we hope all who came enjoyed the performance and left feeling a little more 'Christmassy'.

Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Seashells	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
27/11/23	90.00%	77.80%	73.30%	82.60%	99.10%	92.50%	89.2%	84.40%	87.90%	92.50%	90.30%	86.90%
04/12/23	95.60%	88.00%	75.00%	96.20%	96.00%	99.00%	88.50%	88.00%	94.60%	87.10%	91.40%	90.50%

**RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS**



**Saturday 16th December. 3.30pm**  
 Acomb Parish Church Hall, Front Street, Acomb, York YO24 3BZ  
**Free Admission** but tickets must be booked through Eventbrite  
 Box Office: [eventbrite.co.uk/e/give-it-back-mak-riding-lights-christmas-2023-production-tickets](http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/give-it-back-mak-riding-lights-christmas-2023-production-tickets)  
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*A RUMBLESTIONS CHRISTMAS PLAY FOR ALL THE FAMILIES*  
 by Paul Burbridge

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FAMILY HUBS Christmas Party

There will be FREE party food, hot drinks, festive crafts AND presents delivered by Santa!

<b>Wed 13th Dec</b> Clifton Children's Centre YO30 6JA 9am-12pm Santa 10am-12pm	<b>Wed 20th Dec</b> The Avenues Children's Centre YO31 0UT 9am-12pm Santa 10am-12pm	<b>Thurs 21st Dec</b> Hob Moor Children's Centre YO24 4RF 9am-12pm Santa 10am-12pm
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**Poppy Appeal**



Thank you to everyone who donated to last months Poppy Appeal. Thanks to your kind donations we have raised **£90.59** to help support the Armed forces and their families.

**Stars of the Week**

**15th December**

**Turtle** Team Turtle for their amazing effort during their nativity performances!

**Octopus** Cain for being a great role model in Team Octopus and always sharing a positive attitude to learning.

**Seahorse** Grace for her fantastic effort in every Phonics lesson and for being a super role model in Team Seahorse! Well done Grace, keep it up.

**Dolphin** Elsie for her amazing performance as 'Mary' in our nativity!

**Stingray** Helana for having an amazing first term at Hob Moor. You have shown an amazing attitude to learning. Your spoken and written English has come on leaps and bounds. Mr Wilson is very proud of you. Keep up the amazing work!

**Lobster** Alexa for trying hard with her handwriting and with her learning despite not always finding it easy.

**Puffer Fish** Gracie for being such a helpful member of the team, always going out of her way to help others! Thank you Gracie!

**Shark** Naman for his fantastic effort and enthusiasm in all our class discussions. Also for providing great insight in our Ancient Greece topic. Well done Naman!

**Sea Otter** Layla for building her independence as a result of her increased attendance!

**Whale** Leo for brilliant Maths work and showing good attitude to his learning.

**Headteacher Award**

Laila for taking on the roles and responsibilities in Year 6 with such a helpful and positive attitude. Thank you!

Elsie for doing a fabulous job taking on two roles in the KS1 production.



**ALL American**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Mains**

Beef Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn

or

Vegetable Burger in a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn

or

Jacket Potato with cheese & beans, cheese or beans

or

Tuna mayo wrap

**Dessert**

American Chocolate Brownie

We will be having an 'American Day' lunch menu on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. If you would like to book a school meal for your child on this day please log onto ParentPay and make your booking in the normal way by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. *If you have already booked for this day please rebook for the American Day lunch as previous bookings will have been lost.*

Children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** are entitled to a universal infant free school meal and we invite them to try this meal. If your child in R, Y1 or Y2 usually has a packed lunch then they can still have that if they prefer.

Thank you