



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

12th January 2024

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Headteacher Update

What a busy first week it has been. Thank you to all those parents who have chatted to me and been so welcoming in my first week as Headteacher. The children have settled back into school life very quickly and have made a super start to 2024. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of them and spend time in all the classes alongside them. The week got off to an entertaining start and the children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime, especially seeing Mr Unwin's and Mr Hinde's performances in the dance off!

Over the coming weeks and months, there will be many opportunities for you to meet me, but please do not hesitate to say hello if you see me before or after school.

At this stage, can I please appeal to you to ensure that you arrive at school on time each day? It seems that there are a lot of children who are regularly late and this really disrupts their learning, but also the learning of the other children in their class. I look forward to seeing all the children bright and early on Monday morning. Have a great weekend.

Diary Dates

February:

9th Last day of term

12th - 16th Feb Half Term Holiday

19th First day of term

March:

22nd Last day of half term

25th Mar—5th Apr Easter Holiday

April:

8th First day of term



Mr Jolly

LKS2

Last term, Lower Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed their learning about the Vicious Vikings! The children showed off their creative talents using different clay techniques to design and sculpt their very own Viking longboats. The final products were very impressive and some might say - fit for a Viking!

Additionally, the children fully immersed themselves in a drama activity using our 'Now Press Play' headsets where they explored life as a Viking and even participated in a Viking raid on Lindisfarne!

We have been really proud of the way the children have settled back into routines and learning after Christmas. Our teams are excited to explore the Marvellous Mayans this half term as well as putting their scientific knowledge around electricity and circuits to use when designing and making an electrical game!



Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Seashells	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
11.12.23	92.90%	89.30%	86.70%	92.20%	95.90%	94.20%	92.40%	88.80%	94.30%	90.40%	91.00%	88.30%
18.12.23	87.50%	79.26%	70.00%	92.17%	89.55%	94.58%	91.60%	84.40%	87.50%	88.89%	87.24%	88.28%

American Day Menu Lunch Thursday 18th January



Just to remind you that on Thursday 18th January our school caterers ABM will be holding an American Day lunch. Please log onto ParentPay and check if you have booked a school meal for your child on this day. If you have not booked your child's meals please send in a packed lunch as we are not able to provide a meal if it isn't booked due to the kitchen orders already being placed. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

12th January

- Turtle** Leo for his amazing effort in reading, where he is now reading lots of words by sight!
- Octopus** Pagian for her amazing writing in Literacy and for always trying her best. Well done!
- Seahorse** Jaxson for his amazing reading in our guided reading sessions. Well done Jaxson!
- Dolphin** Haydar for showing lots of enthusiasm for our new theme, and asking and answering excellent questions to help him deepen his knowledge!
- Stingray** Alfie for always deepening his understanding of topics and concepts. He is confident in correcting Mr Wilson when he gets things wrong which really helps him. He can teach members of the class and explain his reasoning to help their learning which is a fantastic skill to have. Keep up the amazing work, Mr Wilson is proud of you.
- Lobster** Amayah for her amazing 100% effort in every lesson especially her reading and writing. In just one school term, it is brilliant to see how confident in her own abilities Amayah has become. The impact this is having is reflected in her learning and her work. I am so proud of her. Well done Amayah!
- Puffer Fish** Ashleigh for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude. She is keen to move forward with her learning and strive to achieve her targets. What a great attitude to have!
- Shark** Ruby-Mai for a fantastic Christmas write which was very entertaining.
- Sea Otter** Lilly for her fantastic effort to build her confidence and independence.
- Whale** Neveah for a fantastic effort in Maths throughout the Autumn term.

Deputy Headteacher Award

Maya for coming back to school with a wonderfully enthusiastic attitude and remembering so much of her learning.

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Saturday 3rd February
Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

Please support our HMP staff

Children's Mental Health week is coming up in February and we, as a school, are planning to do our bit to help support children's mental health and wellbeing across the country by walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks. The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge is a 24-mile (38.6km) round trip route, involving 1585m (5200ft) of ascent, done within 12 hours. We are taking on this challenge to raise money for Young Minds, a charity that helps support children's mental health and wellbeing! With children's mental health issues becoming more prominent, we have decided to do our bit by ensuring children around the country are getting the help and support they need for their mental health and wellbeing. It would mean an awful lot to us if you are able to sponsor us. Let's help young people know they are not alone and there is support out there for them!

To sponsor please see the following link:

[https:// www.justgiving.com/team/hobmoor](https://www.justgiving.com/team/hobmoor)

Alternatively a sponsor form and leaflet will be handed out next week.

Thank you so much for your support.