



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

26th January 2024



Headteacher Update

My first 3 weeks as Headteacher have absolutely flown by and it has been lovely to meet so many of you. The children continue to amaze me with their kindness and their smiles, with so many stopping to chat to me as I pass around school and spend time in their classrooms. Over the coming weeks, we will be working hard with the children to embed some classroom and school routines. We will be discussing this with children in assembly next week and will share information with you so you're fully aware of what's happening. There's nothing especially new or different, it's more a case of making sure that all children are aware of expectations - that's how we all learn best.

Many thanks to those parents who have attended meetings to discuss their children's attendance with me. Our whole school attendance levels remain a concern, however I am delighted with the improved attendance already since January for many of our children. Can I please ask you to aim to be at school 5 minutes earlier than you currently arrive? Many children are arriving late each day and it unsettles not only them, but the other children in their class when they arrive. We want the best possible start to the day for all children.

Diary Dates

February:

- 8th** Y5/6 History trip to York
- 8th** KS1 60s Dress Up Day & Learning Showcase
- 9th** Last day of term
- 12th - 16th Feb Half Term Holiday**

19th First day of term

March:

- 5th** Y6 Parents Evening
- 21st** Easter Disco
- 22nd** Last day of half term
- 25th Mar—5th Apr Easter Holiday**

April:

- 8th** First day of term
- 16th** Y3-Y5 Parents Evening
- 17th** KS1 & EYFS Parents Evening



Mr Jolly

UKS2

Since the start of this half term, our UKS2 children have been thinking about their goals for the new year. They have written incredible poems about the tradition of setting New Year's Resolutions and have discussed what they want to continue from last year or improve moving forward.

In our Learning Challenge sessions, we have been finding out more about Ancient Rome before we look at the impact that the Romans had on York and how Nero changed history! We're excited to go on an adventure around York to find evidence of the Roman settlement here in a few weeks

Through our PSHE work we have been thinking about how we can use our voice to be 'change makers' and how the impact of small changes can be huge if we all work together.

Year 6's have been arriving early for Booster classes showing their commitment to doing well in their SATs which are just around the corner. We want to say an extra "thank you" for the support you are all giving at home too.



Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Seashells	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
08.01.24	75.00%	69.60%	86.70%	90.80%	91.20%	97.60%	85.20%	86.80%	93.60%	90.00%	90.00%	89.70%
15.01.24	89.90%	72.20%	66.70%	82.90%	89.60%	92.40%	86.40%	90.00%	93.20%	96.90%	90.70%	87.20%

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Saturday 3rd February
Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

Some HMP staff are taking on this challenge to raise money for Young Minds, a charity that helps support children's 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 use the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/hobmoor>
Thank you so much for your support.

19th January

Stars of the Week

26th January

- Turtle** Kian for being a superstar in all of our lessons this week, where he has shown amazing effort!
- Octopus** Oliver for always showing a high level of effort in all of his learning and being a super role model to all of team Octopus!
- Seahorse** Ronezmae for an amazing first week at Hob Moor Primary. Well done Ronezmae!
- Dolphin** James for showing high energy in every single lesson!
- Stingray** Poppy for coming back with a fantastic attitude. You are showing all the school's REACH values. Well done Poppy!
- Lobster** Emily for always showing a high energy and participation in all of her learning!
- Puffer Fish** Chester for putting a fantastic effort into his work, and working with lots of enthusiasm!
- Shark** Lionel for always showing a positive attitude to his learning when taking part in class discussions, especially during Maths.
- Sea Otter** Ellarose for being a fantastic role model with her efforts and attitudes to learning.
- Whale** Jayden for sharing his fantastic ideas in class and writing an excellent New Year's resolution poem.

- Turtle** Alina for always trying her hardest in all of our phonics sessions, where she is now writing amazing sentences!
- Octopus** Izabelle for her incredible growing confidence in reading, and being a super star in all our phonics lessons.
- Seahorse** Scarlett-Rose for always showing our REACH values. Well done Scarlett-Rose. Keep it up!
- Dolphin** Louie for being a helpful and caring member of the class!
- Stingray** Isabella for always showing the school REACH values. You always put your best effort into all your learning, and Mr Wilson is really starting to see this in your amazing work. Well done Isabella, Mr Wilson is very proud of you.
- Lobster** Elliott for trying really hard when writing a descriptive poem using similes, metaphors and personification.
- Puffer Fish** Lola for writing a fantastic descriptive poem about Cluny Cottage using similes, metaphors and personification.
- Shark** Lacie-Mae for her consistent active listening during all discussions and her beautiful attitude to her learning. We are so proud of you Lacie. Well done!
- Sea Otter** Ellie for always being a pleasure to teach. She shows respect to all adults and children, and is always striving to do her best in all subjects.
- Whale** Bella-Rose for showing a great attitude in all lessons over the past week, and trying really hard!

Headteacher Award

Skyler for being extremely helpful as my Year 6 ambassador.

Deputy Headteacher Award

Matilda for working hard, constantly challenging herself and putting an amazing amount of effort into every one of my maths lessons - thank you!!

