



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

9th February 2024



Headteacher Update



Dear Parents & Carers,

My first half term as Headteacher has absolutely flown by. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I hope all our wonderful children enjoy their week off, and come back refreshed and ready to learn.

The teaching team have been working hard to plan lots of exciting opportunities for the children in the next half-term, so there is plenty for the children to look forward to!

Mr Jolly



Diary Dates

February:

12th - 16th Feb Half Term Holiday

19th First day of term

23rd LSK2 Rainforest Dress Up Day

March:

5th Y6 Parents Evening

21st Easter Disco

22nd Last day of half term

25th Mar—5th Apr Easter Holiday

April:

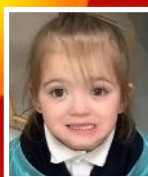
8th First day of term

16th Y3-Y5 Parents Evening

17th KS1 & EYFS Parents Evening

EYFS

The Orcas have had a great start to the New Year. We have welcomed ten new children, parents and carers. The Orcas have been listening to stories about different weather conditions and learning how to stay safe. They have been looking at a globe and finding out where they live and where some of the animals from our stories live. We have also celebrated Chinese New Year this week by tasting different foods, having a dragon coin treasure hunt and playing with streamers. Each child has found out their Chinese New Year animal from the story. Please ask at home to see if they can remember.



This half term, Team Turtles' topic has been 'Protecting what is precious.' Within this topic, we have learned how to look after the Earth and lots of animals. We have explored the effects of littering and the positive impact recycling our rubbish can have. As a result of this, Team Turtles decided to dedicate one of their forest school sessions to collecting litter from our school grounds. We have also looked at the changing seasons and how they can affect animals' lives. This week, we went on a trip to West Bank Park, where we were planning on looking for signs of winter, collecting litter and completing pieces of observational art. Unexpectedly, we found a huge sign of winter - SNOW and lots of it! We had lots of fun exploring the park, searching for different signs of winter, as well as playing in the snow!



Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Seashells	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
22.01.24	75.50%	91.40%	90.00%	87.80%	95.20%	87.60%	85.60%	84.60%	98.90%	93.50%	92.40%	87.90%
29.01.24	89.90%	93.60%	80.00%	86.10%	97.000%	96.80%	85.60%	89.20%	96.40%	88.50%	87.60%	91.40%

Tadcaster Hockey Club - Junior Hockey: Hockey season might be coming towards its conclusion, but here at Tadcaster we are trying to continue building our junior section. Junior training at Tadcaster Hockey Club will start on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at Tadcaster Grammar School from 6 until 7pm, which covers players from ages 5 up to 16, split by ages for training purposes. We shall be running this session in two split blocks, 5 weeks prior to Easter, 2 weeks off for Easter, and then the final 5 week block after Easter. This session is once more charged at £30 per child for the 10 weeks. There is a £5 discount for siblings down to a minimum payment of £20, e.g. first child pays £30, second child pays £25, and any child thereafter pays £20. Sticks can be provided, however we recommend hockey shin pads (football shin pads at a push, but hockey shin pads offer better protection for ankles), astroturf boots; note not studded football boots as these are not allowed on the pitch, although trainers may be sufficient, and a gum shield. Please ask for advice on purchases if you feel unsure before buying, better to ask and buy the correct thing than not and get the incorrect thing. Club kit is not required for training and unlikely to be in the future. Games against other clubs will be different, and we may be looking to provide a kit on the day for such events, although we would be interested to hear if anyone knows of companies/people who would be interested in sponsoring our juniors to assist in the purchase of kit. If you are interested then please contact Paul at tadcasterhockeyjuniors@gmail.com

Stars of the Week

2nd February

- Turtle** Hudson for his amazing effort during all of our lessons where he is consistently trying his hardest!
- Octopus** Joseph for always showing our REACH values by being a super role model in Team Octopus, and always putting care, effort and a positive attitude towards his learning.
- Seahorse** Eliza for her amazing non-chronological report on Andy Warhol. Well done Eliza, keep it up!
- Dolphin** Nevaeh for making a huge effort to improve her attendance and being here every day last week!
- Stingray** Alfie for showing an amazing attitude to his learning in all areas. You have been a fantastic role model to all the children in the class, showing respect to everyone in the classroom when they are talking and contributing with your own fantastic ideas. Well done Alfie, keep it up. Mr Wilson, Mrs Law and Mrs Dobson are extremely proud of you!
- Lobster** Reeva for making a huge effort to be in school on time everyday!
- Puffer Fish** Maria for having a positive attitude in all her learning, taking on feedback instantly and improving her work. Well done Maria.
- Shark** Zach for his continued positivity and dedication in all lessons in which he always brings a smile. Keep it up Zach!
- Sea Otter** Jacob for his positivity and efforts in making positive changes in the new year.
- Whale** Charlotte for gaining confidence in lessons and sharing your brilliant ideas with the class!

Headteacher Award

Emily for always being so polite. Every time I see Emily, she gives me a big smile and has a lovely chat with me.



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- Turtle** Kianah-Blue for being an amazing role model to all of Team Turtles, where she always demonstrates using lots of effort.
- Octopus** Tadana for always having a positive attitude and being a great role model in Team Octopus.
- Seahorse** Alex for being an amazing role model in Team Seahorse, where he is always showing amazing effort and attitude in all of his learning.
- Dolphin** Lilly for making a huge effort to improve her behaviour for learning.
- Stingray** Henry for showing an amazing attitude in all of his learning. It is amazing to see how you retain key information and help your team with previous learning. You are putting so much effort into all areas of your learning and it is showing in your work. Well done Henry, we are very proud of you!
- Lobster** Kian for trying really hard in all of our lessons. He is always willing to contribute to discussions and share ideas.
- Puffer Fish** Aaron for showing more confidence in lessons, explaining his thoughts and reasoning to the class. Well done!
- Shark** Edward for his improved effort during class discussions especially in English and Whole Class Guided Reading. It has made us proud seeing you putting yourself forward to deepen these team talks. Keep it up Edward!
- Sea Otter** Alyssa for her fantastic effort to build her confidence for her Year 6 assessments, and for working hard at home, in boosters and in class.
- Whale** Leo for having an excellent attitude and showing great effort in all his lessons this spring half term.

Deputy Headteacher Award

Ellarose for putting 100% effort into your maths lessons and extra booster sessions - well done!

