



Friday Letter for Parents and Carers

25th October 2024



Headteacher Update 25th October 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,
Where on earth has that first half-term gone? It's hard to believe that the children have now been in their new classes for 8 weeks! They have done so well, and continue to impress us every day. I have just passed lots of 'Wow' postcards to the office team, so look out for one of these coming through the letterbox this weekend as we celebrate and recognise amazing behaviour from our children! I'm also delighted to say that over 100 children had 100% attendance for this half-term!!

A few updates for you before we head into a well earned break.

Firstly, it was great to see so many of you over the last fortnight at Open Doors, and then during parents evenings, which were so well attended. I hope you found these opportunities useful at this stage of the year, to give you a sense of how well your child has settled in their new year group. If you missed your appointment and would like to rearrange, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

In our drive to improve communication, we are starting to use 'Class Dojo', which is an interactive communication app used successfully by lots of schools. It will give you far more opportunities to see how your children are getting on in school. After you have downloaded the app and signed up, (details have been shared during parents evening) you will be able to use 2 key features:

- 'School Story' - this is where regular updates will be shared around things which are happening in school. This will also be used to share reminders about key events happening in school so you don't miss out.
- 'Class Story' - this will be used by your child's class teacher to update you at a class level. There is also the chance for you to message class teachers directly with important information you wish to share, which will be especially useful for those parents who are unable to see teachers regularly due to work or other commitments at the beginning and end of the school day.

Clearly, teachers will not be expected to reply to messages 24:7, but they will be expected to respond within working hours, when it is practical to do so. ClassDojo should never be used for urgent messages to teachers, as they are not in a position to see these, or respond to them, if they are teaching. We will begin to use 'School Story' in the first week back after the holidays. Look out for regular updates about school life. Your child's teacher will then begin to use 'Class Story'.

I hope you have a lovely half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4th November.


Kind regards.

Mr Jolly




Diary Dates

November:

- 4th** Start of Autumn 2 Term
- 5th** Early Years Open Evening 5pm—6pm
- 13th** Reception Parent Lunch 11.20am
- 15th** Children in Need Lunch 
- 22nd** Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccination

December:

- 12th** Christmas Lunch 

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Team Stingray, Pufferfish and Lobster have spent the half term learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We have been doing some exciting learning where we have built pyramids out of Lego to make sure we had the correct structure!

We enjoyed following instructions to make some Egyptian bread. The children got stuck in and were covered in dough! Some children were brave enough to sample the bread, and concluded it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be! After we made the bread, we created our own set of instructions about making the bread including more detail!

In our art lessons, we have made patterns using pastels and colouring pencils. We then created a self-portrait of ourselves with an Egyptian headdress on! We look forward to sharing them with you!

Our class attendance this week is...

w/c	Orca	Turtle	Octopus	Seahorse	Dolphin	Stingray	Lobster	Puffer Fish	Shark	Sea Otter	Whale
07.10.2024	87.10%	94.00%	85.90%	92.10%	91.20%	98.50%	99.10%	91.70%	90.00%	96.20%	92.30%
14.10.2024	90.60%	95.90%	84.10%	89.30%	93.50%	96.50%	85.90%	92.90%	92.00%	96.70%	94.10%

Stars of the Week

18th October

- Orca** Maddox for being such a kind and helpful member of Team Orcas. Thank you for making us all smile every day with your thoughtfulness.
- Turtle** Rowan for his amazing effort in phonics, where he is now beginning to read and write lots of words!
- Octopus** Oakley for writing about our trip to the Railway Museum independently. Well done!
- Seahorse** Lenny for always showing our school REACH values and being a great role model for everyone in Team Seahorse. Well done Lenny!
- Dolphin** Roxy for showing determination and perseverance in Computing.
- Stingray** Asher for always showing great commitment to become better everyday. His attitude and effort in all areas of his learning is clear to see. Keep up the amazing work Asher! Mr Wilson is very proud of you!
- Lobster** Isaac for his excellent effort and great work in writing this week. Isaac has also demonstrated the REACH values throughout this term and been a role model for Team Lobster.
- Puffer Fish** Grace for her positive attitude to learning and never giving up. Well done Grace!
- Shark** Matilda for her exceptional dedication to learning and her positive impact on our class discussions. Her hard work and determination are truly inspiring. You continue to make Mr Hinde and Miss Buckles extremely proud. Well done Matilda!
- Sea Otter** Nevaeh for her attitude and approach to all learning. Nevaeh does not give up and will persevere until the end. This was shown by her determination with negative numbers!!
- Whale** Ella for trying really hard in everything she does, being an excellent role model and helping her friends where she can.

Headteacher Award

Betsie for always being so polite and cheerful. She brings lots of smiles to school and makes everyone happy!

25th October

- Orca** Ada for her determination to be independent. She can now put on her own coat and wellies. Well done, Ada!
- Turtle** George for his fantastic effort in phonics and maths! He is demonstrating terrific knowledge and being an amazing role model to Team Turtles.
- Octopus** Ronezmae for working incredibly hard on her writing and trying to write independently. Your instructions were lovely to read. Well done!
- Seahorse** Yole for her amazing instruction writing on how to make a chocolate lolly. Well done Yole, keep up the amazing work!
- Dolphin** Ellie for being an incredibly helpful member of the class and for being someone that Mr Donkin can always rely on!
- Stingray** Jiana for consistently showing a great attitude in all areas of her learning! She perseveres when learning is tricky and shows an I CAN approach! Well done Jiana, keep it up!
- Lobster** Elsie-Mae for her positive attitude and demonstrating REACH values throughout school. Elsie has also worked particularly hard during our English lessons this week.
- Puffer Fish** Amelia for her fantastic artwork. She has drawn patterns and used oil pastels beautifully!
- Shark** Jacob for his amazing musical skills, which have inspired the whole class; Jacob has been a real star. He always keeps everyone on beat and in time, making music so much fun. Mr. Hinde and Miss Buckles are so proud of you for all your hard work. Keep up the fantastic job!
- Sea Otter** Callum for contributing so much in our lessons and assemblies. Thank you!
- Whale** Zach for trying so hard with the presentation of his work and earning the first pen licence in Team Whales!

Headteacher Award

Leo for having such a positive attitude. I've noticed a real difference and it is great to see that Leo has been on 'Wow' twice this week.

