

# Hob Moor Community Primary Academy

## Friday Letter

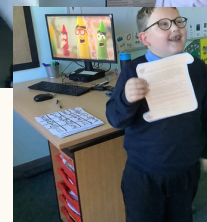
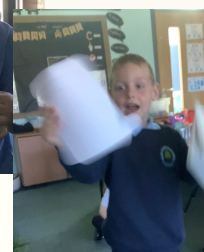
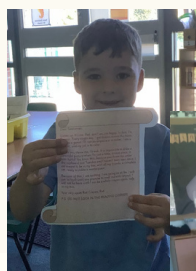
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### Highlight of the week - KS1



What an exciting start to the year it's been for Team Seahorse and Team Dolphin! This half term, we've been busy developing our writing skills after receiving some very dramatic letters—from our crayons! They had quit and left us! Thankfully, we used persuasive language to write letters convincing them to come back. In history, we've been exploring the concepts of past and present, comparing how Acomb and York have changed over time. We've also begun learning about some of the key landmarks in York and why they are important. It's been a brilliant first half term full of creativity, curiosity, and lots of learning!



### Mr Jolly's updates

We've had another action packed fortnight at school since our last newsletter and the children are now well and truly settled into their new classes. Here are a few updates:

#### Getting Involved in School Life

We have multiple opportunities coming up for you to get involved in school life:

Last week, we had a good turn-out for our Reception class parents' information session, and we hope everyone found it informative and useful in supporting your child's first year with us. For our Year 1 parents, please look out for details of the upcoming Phonics Support Session, designed to give you practical tools and tips to help your child with their reading at home.

In the coming weeks, we will also be holding Open Doors sessions for families in Years 1 to 6. This is a wonderful opportunity to pop into the classrooms, see the children's learning in action, and speak briefly with the class teacher. Specific dates and times have been shared in a specific letter today.

Don't forget our regular Stay and Play sessions for our Nursery and Reception children and their parents—these are always a great success and a relaxed way to share in your child's early years experience.

Finally, a reminder that Parents' Evenings will be held in the week before the half-term break. Booking details for these essential one-to-one discussions will be circulated next week. We strongly encourage all families to attend.

#### Travel and Site Safety

We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid driving to school if possible. This will significantly help to ease the daily congestion and safety risks around the car park and Green Lane at drop-off and pick-up times. Opting to walk, scoot, or cycle has so many positive benefits: it provides a great start to the day by increasing your child's physical activity for better health and concentration; it helps to improve the air quality around the school gates; and it's a small but powerful step we can all take to help the environment. If you do live further away, please consider parking a short distance from the school and walking the last ten minutes. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy!



A final and very important reminder for site safety: no dogs are allowed on the school grounds. This policy is in place for the safety and well-being of all pupils, particularly those who may be fearful of dogs or have allergies. The only exception to this rule is for assistance dogs that are specifically trained to support people with disabilities. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to this rule.



## Online Safety: A Partnership in Protection

In today's digital world, safeguarding our children online is more important than ever. While we teach e-safety in school, we need your continued support at home to ensure your children remain safe. We urge all parents to be proactive in placing appropriate filters on children's devices and on your home internet connection. This is a critical first step in preventing access to inappropriate or harmful content. Many home broadband providers (such as BT, Sky, TalkTalk, and Virgin Media) offer free parental controls that are simple to set up.

Beyond technical controls, please make a habit of regularly monitoring your child's online behaviours and screen time. Have open, non-judgemental conversations with your children about what they are doing online, who they are talking to, and how they would feel if they saw something upsetting.



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you in school soon.

Mr Jolly  
Headteacher



### Useful Websites for E-Safety Guidance:

- Internet Matters: Provides comprehensive guides and advice on all aspects of digital parenting, including how to set up parental controls on various devices and platforms.  
Link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- Thinkuknow: Educational resources from the National Crime Agency's CEOP command, featuring age-appropriate advice for children and resources for parents.  
Link: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
- UK Safer Internet Centre: Offers tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online. Link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk>



## Stars of the Week



### 26th Sep

Eddie Sanderson  
Aurora-Shyla-Rose Rafton  
Jorja Jenkins  
Rudy Bailey  
Jaxson Arthur  
Amiyah Sketcher  
Skylar Huntsley  
Seb Burn  
Chester Passey  
Henry Smith

Orcas  
Turtles  
Seahorses  
Dolphins  
Stingrays  
Pufferfish  
Sharks  
Whales  
Sea Otters  
Headteacher's award

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

Lylah Cliff  
Harry Moore  
Teddy-Rex Daniels  
Hudson Wilbraham  
Ana Murariu  
Minsa Jafari  
Shabistan Zahir  
Canaan Unoma  
Naomi Hodgson  
Alexis-Mae Neal