Dear Parents and Carers

It’s been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and see so many happy faces enjoying their new term. Last week we not only welcomed children and families into our Nursery and Reception classes but we also have 14 new children joining us across the school. We hope they have a fabulous time and make many new friends at Hob Moor.

A huge ‘thank you’ to all of our parents/carers for their support during our return to school. It was certainly reassuring to see the responses to our ‘Return to School Survey’ where parents were telling us that they said their child had been happy on their return to school, parents and carers felt reassured by the safety measures we have put in place and that the staggered pick up and drop off times worked well.

As you’ve walked into the school grounds, I’m sure you’ll have noticed the work we’ve had completed over the Summer. The sensory garden has been tarmaced ready for some new planters to be installed, the KS1 children now have much more space to play and our new sports pitch is ready for PE lessons (after a very long wait!) The inside of the building, thanks to our hardworking Sewell’s team, is spick and span! Many areas have been painted for the new school year and the Yr3/4 classrooms have got lovely new carpet. We are very lucky.

Finally, this week we were very excited to find out that Hob Moor Federation has got through to the finals of the York Community Pride School of the Year Award. Keep your fingers crossed, our amazing pupils and staff certainly deserve it.

Happy weekend.

Debbie Cousins

Team Robin

It has been lovely to welcome back some familiar faces who attended our nursery and as well as welcoming lots of new children and families who are joining us at Hob Moor for the first time. Everyone in Team Robins and Swans have settled into their new classes fantastically, and it has been a pleasure to see them coming into school with big smiles on their faces! We have had a very busy start, learning our routines and exploring all of our areas of provision. We have had lots of police officers catching “baddies”, knights and princesses trying to escape from fire breathing dragons, superheroes tackling our tricky obstacle courses and lots more! This week, we had a special visit from one of our newly discovered favourite book characters, Mr Big. We were extremely excited that he brought his piano with him, and we had the opportunity to play our own jazz music.
We kindly request that parents avoid sending products with nuts in for snack or packed lunches. Although this is a healthy snack we do have some children with severe Peanut allergies in school. Thank you.

**We are a Nut-Free School**

**Stars of the Week**

**11th September**

**Swan** Connor for settling into Team Swan, always having a smile on his face and being a great friend.

**Robin** Oakley for settling into Team Robins and trying his hardest everyday! He has been a super star all week!

**Toucan** Brody for an amazing first week at Hob Moor!

**Parrot** Gracie-May for showing lots of enthusiasm and independence in all areas of learning!

**Woodpecker** Blake for coping well with change and new transitions.

**Puffin** Marnie for coming into school with a great positive smile and attitude.

**Razorbill** Mia-Olivia for setting an amazing example at the start of Year 4. She is always polite and enthusiastic and puts 100% effort into her work.

**Albatross** Harper for having such a determined attitude to all her learning.

**Oxpeyer** Jacob for contributing lots in class and making a super start to Year 1!

**Eagle** Rishwanth for his amazing efforts in his work and during class discussions.

**Hawk** Patrick for challenging himself to get the most out of every opportunity.

**Falcon** Gracie and Kain for making an amazing impact in their first week at Hob Moor.

**Wellbeing Award**

Jacob for a fabulous start to the new year and showing great resilience and kindness to everyone in school.

Ruban for a fabulous start to the new year.

**18th September**

**Swan** Kaiden for settling in brilliantly in Team Swans and giving fantastic explanations in Maths about what is the same and different

**Robin** Grace for a great start in Team Robins, and for her amazing imagination when creating games to play within our areas of provision!

**Toucan** Scarlett for a fantastic start to the new school year and settling in to our school brilliantly!

**Parrot** Sophie for some fantastic independent writing and showing a mature attitude to all areas of her learning!

**Woodpecker** Nevaeh for a fantastic start to the new school year and settling in to our school brilliantly!

**Puffin** Alan for always having a brilliant attitude towards his learning.

**Razorbill** Blake and Mia for a great start to a new year and a new school

**Albatross** Liam for always giving 110% to his learning.

**Oxpeyer** Leo for continuing to apply himself in writing and being a real role model to the team.

**Eagle** Max for finding a variety of different solutions to maths problems and explaining his reasoning.

**Falcon** Ellie for your vocabulary choices, varied structure and overall effort in writing is very impressive!

**Mrs Cousins Headteacher Award**

Kelsey for teaching Mrs Cousins all about castles, your drawings were super!

**Wellbeing Award**

Tyler for coming into school, being brave and talking about his feelings.