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Dear Families,

Next week it is a very well-deserved break for all of us: after 7 weeks of settling into their new classes, the children are definitely ready for some rest! We are also hoping that we have seen the end of the chicken pox cases too. We hope you all have a lovely week, whether you have lots planned or will be taking it easy, and we will see you again on Monday 1st November.

Harvest food bank Many thanks to everyone who has sent in donations for the Friends' Harvest food bank collection. This morning we filled Jo Millar's (very big) car with all the goods which have now been delivered to the community for sharing with those who need support.

Excellence Awards After a very long gap, this week we awarded our Excellence Awards, to recognise excellence in school in all its forms. A very big well done to these children who really excelled in some way over this half term:

Elm: Albie Ballantyne

Artist of the Half Term Well done to these artists, who were nominated for their work:

Ash: Elliot Dodsworth

Elm: Teddy Wise

Beech: Isabella Ravasio

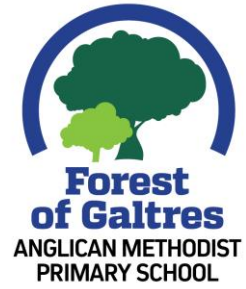
The overall winner, who is awarded the Dragonfly Award, is the artist from Acorns class for his clay hedgehog. Well done!

Where names appear to be missing, this is either because consent has not been given or has not yet been received.

Parents' evenings We will be holding parents' evenings in the week beginning 8.11.21, and these will be by video again. Look out for the email after half term from the School Cloud/Parents Evening System which will contain a link to book your appointments. Please note that different classes are likely to have different sessions based on staff working patterns.

As always, if you have changed your email address please let us know, and if you are having any difficulties just contact us and we will do our best! There are always some hiccups in the bookings but we always get there!

Applications for secondary school places For children in Year 6 who will be starting secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for a school place by 31st October. The local secondary schools usually have details of the information events, which may be in



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person or remote, on their websites. If you live in the City of York Council area, applications should be made online at <https://www.york.gov.uk/admissions> and if you live in the North Yorkshire County Council area, the website is at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>

If you live in Skelton, the village is within the normal area for a community place at Manor or Vale of York. If your preference is for Easingwold, families must meet the transport costs themselves as this is not the area school for Skelton.

If you are from Shipton, Newton, Beningbrough, Linton or Tollerton, you live in the area for Easingwold and free home-school transport is provided. If you decide to apply for a place at Manor, you will need to complete their Supplementary Information Form and make sure this is signed by a minister of religion (for a Foundation place), or myself (for a ballot place). This needs to be done in plenty of time to meet the deadline.

Please note that from next year (applying for a Y7 place in 2023), the ballot option is being removed in line with Fair Access protocols. This means that for children up to and including the current Y5, the only places available at Manor will be Foundation ones, and the forms are needed to evidence regular attendance at worship for a parent/carer over at least 2 years.

Applications for primary school places From 12th October applications are open for primary school places in the Reception year for September 2022. Applications are made in the same way as for secondary schools, online through the council websites, and the closing date is January 2022. **Even if your child already attends our Nursery, you still need to make an application for a Reception school place.**

Dojo Awards

Well done to this week's Dojo award winners!

Kye McFarlane	Bronze
Mason Harrison	Silver
Esme Embleton	Silver
Elia Gould	Silver



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Keeping in touch with school The main school office email is now hello@fog.hslt.academy. All staff emails remain in the old format initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy but staff can also be contacted through Tapestry and Google Classroom for now, and will update to the @fog.hslt address later this term. Emails sent to the previous addresses are still coming through to us, but over time this arrangement will stop. **We are aware that there have been some issues around emails being bounced back, so to be on the safe side it is worth trying both formats for now!** Please be aware that the member of staff you are trying to contact may not be working that day, in which case it is unlikely that they will be able to follow anything up with you. There are also some updates going on with the school website, so if things appear out of date please bear with us (and the web technicians!)

e-letters the following letters have been sent this week:

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Letters which have reply slips (eg the club booking forms) can be completed electronically and emailed back to school at hello@fog.hslt.academy

Diary dates

22.10.21 - Elm Bun Day
22.10.21 - School closes for half term
1.11.21 - School opens
w/c 8.11.21 – Parents' evenings
19.11.21 - Ash Bun Day
3.12.21 - EYFS Bun Day
17.12.21 – School closes for Christmas

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.