



The Hayfield Herald

Get Ready to Climb!



An interesting two weeks of media attention, full-time Reception children, a new improved generator and some very nice new additions to the outdoor area.

You will probably have seen by now that on the field, next to the MUGA, we have had a fantastic climbing frame installed for the children to enjoy at playtime and in hopefully in PE too. We are just awaiting the safety flooring to be completed (when it is dry enough to do it!) then it will be ready to use. You will also have noticed a new wooden hut near the top of the path leading to the field. We will be working on this over the coming months to create 'The Chapel' which will be a space for quiet reflection and prayer which children can use during break and lunchtimes. We are planning to make a seating area around the Chapel so that classes can spend time there and enjoy more opportunities to learn outside. We have funded these through a Diocese bid which we made around Easter time to improve our outdoor area. As a Voluntary Aided school we are eligible to bid for building projects like this to improve our school. We are really pleased that we were able to get this and look forward to seeing the children enjoy them soon. We will be re-opening our golf course soon and hopefully be able to start up the quarry again too!

I am sure you have all been aware of the media attention we've had over the last two weeks which was sparked by the local Liberal Democrat councillors who took it upon themselves to criticise the education and safety of the children at our school in their newsletter (despite never actually visiting us!). We have been overwhelmed by your support over this and the way you all united behind our school. Thank you all for your wonderful comments which were shared on the radio and also to Mrs Stokes for speaking so well about the school on the programme. Needless to say we are very disappointed with their publication and have reported them to the County Council who we trust will be following up on this. You may have noticed we now have a second generator installed which should now prevent any future power failures.

Today we had our first 'First Class Table' of the year which is now held in the Hub. This year we have split the lunchtime awards which are still given out by the Lunchtime Supervisors for good manners, eating sensibly and playing well. Because of our bigger numbers and more classes now First-Class is now reserved only for the weekly Hayfield Heroes as a special treat in recognition of achieving this award. Miss Priestley and I had a wonderful time today and will be joined each week from now by a different teacher and/or guest.

Last week we hosted our 'Welcome to Our Class' meetings for each class as an opportunity for the teachers to share information about how the class runs and some of the things they will be doing through the year. The information pages from these will be posted on the class pages of the website next week for you to read. These meetings were really successful and were started following the suggestion from our parents at last terms Parent Forum along with a lot of brilliant ideas that came from those meetings. You will shortly be receiving a letter about this terms forums which will be open for parents in KS1 and KS2 with Reception parents being invited to join after Christmas (once they get to know our school).

There is a lot of buzz about the proposed new school football team which we are very excited about. We are awaiting Premier to send out letters about this which will give more details (don't worry you haven't missed it!). Basically, they want to start a team for their after school football club which will compete with their other clubs run at other local schools. Boys and girls are welcome to join with the plan to have a Key Stage 1 and separate Key Stage 2 team (and in the future maybe even a separate boys and girls team!). It will all depend on whether they have enough children and of course they will all need to take part in Premier's after school training. More details from Premier soon.

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