



The Hayfield Herald

WARWICK CASTLE



A busy start back after half term with lots happening in and around school including a trip to Warwick Castle and a fabulous disco by TOPs

Year 1 had an absolutely fantastic time at Warwick Castle last week. We were so impressed with how calmly and sensibly they moved around the castle, and how excited they were about the whole experience! We managed to squeeze so many activities in throughout the day, including walking along the battlements and up the spiral staircases to the very top of the tower! Some children were also brave enough to go down into the depths of the dungeon. They informed the rest of us that it was very cold and indeed, very smelly! After lunch we met the very kind and beautiful Princess Florence, who read us a story and then taught us about how different shields are designed. Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to explore the inside of the castle, including the great hall, the bedrooms, the ballroom and the library. All in all, a brilliant day was had by all. We would also like to thank the parent helpers who came with us on the trip, we wouldn't have been able to do it without them!

Miss Polson

On Monday we hosted our first Hubshare of the year with Year 4 families joining us for an afternoon of learning together. It was a lovely afternoon where the children had lots to do with many activities focused on their theme work of the Romans. They also played games, maths challenges and read together. It was a brilliant afternoon and we are looking forward to the rest of them over the following weeks. Thanks to all who came and made it a great event!

Last week we were pleased to start the term with families joining us for our Wednesday Worship with Reverend Eleanor learning about All Saints Day. We thought about what qualities people have to be a saint and how we too can all be saints by being kind and thinking of others. Our next Worship Wednesday for you to join will be on the 22nd November with Rev. Andy.

This week we had our Parent Forum where we looked at how to improve our website and ideas for parent information evenings that would be useful for us to provide for parents in the Spring and Summer terms. We also looked at how we can arrange the times for the forums so we can hopefully get more people involved as they really do make a big difference to what we do. More information will be sent out after February half term. Huge thanks to all involved, you were fantastic 😊

As you will all have seen the much anticipated roadworks to improve the access road weren't completed over the holidays as planned although they are now making good progress. It is designed to provide a lane of parker cars along the path side and two lanes to traffic (in and out) to enable a greater traffic flow. When this is all complete we hope to be able to pilot the drop off zone for the older children. We will also re-establish a proper area for disabled parking. They will also start work on the drainage in December (we hope) that will finally connect us to the main drains which should also enable us to provide some extra parking in the compound. We have had the planning authorities and governors check the road progress and they have asked us to ensure that parents do not park around the roundabout in the compound or on the opposite side of the road where the new kerbing has been put in (it is still ok on that side before the kerbing starts). Please can we ask for your support in this as we need to make this work and keep it safe. We have fought hard to get these done, especially improving the path for you all so we need to show this is now making a difference and is used properly. THANK YOU for your patience and support.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Team Orange Parents (TOPs) organised another successful seasonal disco 'Pumpkin Party'. As the school is getting bigger we decided to split the children into groups for the event Year R & 1 together and then Years 2,3 & 4. Both disco's were well supported with 69 children attending the first disco and 44 attending the second disco. All the children made a great effort in dressing up and all behaved impeccably. Thanks to all the parents who came to help and all the parents who brought their child/children to support the event. *TOPs Team*

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