



The Hayfield Herald

BUILDING CASTLES



On Wednesday Hedgehog Class were having an amazing creative afternoon learning about castles by making their own. The results were fantastic as they created them with card, pots, boxes and lots of paint! What made the learning really special was the way that they were all helping and collaborating with their friends, working on each other's castles to get them finished and they were all very proud to show them off. Photos will be on the blog soon for you to see. We would like to apologise to all the Hedgehog parents though as in their excitement they did get paint on themselves (even though it is water soluble wash friendly paint it does take a while to come out – sorry!). You will be pleased to hear that we are now buying aprons for Year 1!

We were very pleased to launch our new range of in house After School Cubs for Y1,2&3 this week which are run for 8 week blocks by our own teachers. The children have had a great time enjoying cosmic yoga, Lego, board games, colouring and arts and crafts. There are still places in all the clubs except Lego so if your child wants to join one please let the office know. This means that along with MAD Science and the Premier Sports gymnastics, football and before and after school provision the school is busy from 8am to 5pm now! Next week we will also be relaunching Film Club so keep an eye on the notices section each week.

We have started the Spelling Bee again this year and the words for each year group are on our website: <http://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/parents/curriculum-information/spelling-at-hayfield-cross> All children are now required to know all the words for their year group which form part of their end of year assessments and it is much harder for the children to achieve their expected levels than ever before. In addition to working on them in school they will build their understanding much better if they look at these spellings 'few and often' so that they learn them well. This is why we have created the Spelling Bee which is a fun competition which we hope will motivate the children. Please help us by encouraging your child to work hard at these but please also remember they don't need to learn them all at once!! The Spelling Bee is focused on those who make the most improvement over time, not just those who can spell the most words so if they work on them regularly a few words at a time they will do really well.

Thank you all for ensuring the children are at school on time. It is fantastic having them all in ready to learn as soon as the bell goes. This makes a real difference to the children and starts their day well. We have added barriers to the compound now to create a path for children to get into and out of school safely.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Film Club Friday – Our first Film Club of the year will be KS2 (Year 3 only) next Friday (7th October). The film is Roald Dahl's MATILDA (PG) – finish time 4:50pm. As always it's open to all and £1 to come (for drink and a snack).

Behaviour Policy – Our behaviour policy has been updated and is available on our website if you wish to have a look:

<http://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/information/key-school-information>

Reception 2017 – Our new system for prospective parent visits is working well and we have many enquiries to come and look around. We will be allocating visits over next week so if you know anyone who may be interested in sending their Reception child to us in September 2017 please encourage them to go to our website for information.

<http://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/reception-2017>