



The Hayfield Herald



Phonics Evening

On Wednesday we hosted our first parent's information evening. The focus of this meeting was phonics and aimed at supporting parents to understand the way we teach phonics in school. Reading is something that we value very highly at Hayfield Cross as we believe it is a life skill that is essential for our children to be successful now and into the future. Phonics is the way we teach children to learn sounds, words and sentences to enable them to become effective and able readers who will enjoy reading both in and out of school. At Hayfield Cross we have a daily 20 minute phonics session for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1. These are organised in small vertical groups across the years so the children are working specifically at the phase they need to be irrespective of their age. Huge thanks to all our brilliant teachers for running the phonics evening and especially to Miss Hardie (our English leader) who organised and led the event. Our next information evening will be on Maths which will be after Christmas. We are planning to run a series of these evenings each year to help parents stay informed of how we teach in school and ideas of how best to support the children at home. Information about phonics (from the evening) is available on our website in the 'Parents' section under Curriculum Information

<http://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/parents/curriculum-information>

Medieval Banquet



As an inspirational end to their Pumpkins and Portcullises theme Squirrel Class had a Medieval Banquet on Tuesday. The children made castles and carriages to adorn the table with. Using the book as inspiration last week they followed instructions to make pumpkin soup which they had as part of their banquet. They also made medieval ginger bread and soda bread and ate their banquet wearing crowns they had made with the table decorated with a block printed banner. While they ate medieval music was played and the children all had a fantastic time. What a great first term of our new Hayfield Cross Learning Experience. When we designed the whole school curriculum we decided that we wanted the children to be fully immersed in their learning with lots of different experiences to engage, inspire and fire their imaginations. The spring term will be focused on science and nature under the 'All God's Creatures' overarching theme with the classes learning experience information being sent home at the beginning of term.

Another big thank you to Harrison's Grandparents for more amazing artefacts for our explorer room this week. The children have been using our new learning spaces this week and thoroughly enjoying them!

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Celebration Assembly. After Christmas parents we are very pleased to announce that we will be inviting parents to join us for our Celebration Assembly every Friday at 9am. Those who have joined us before for our special event assemblies will know each class shares news about the week and what's going on in school so it is a great way to stay up to date with what is happening as well as celebrate the children and their awards. Don't forget to send in any awards the children earn out of school as we also like to present those. You are all welcome to join us every Friday but if your child is going to receive the Hayfield Hero award or their Hero point's certificate we will also text you on Thursday afternoon.

Parents Association. We would like Hayfield Cross to have a parents association to support the school with events and fund raising etc. After Christmas we will arrange an informal meeting for those who might be interested to see if we can get it started. Please have a think if this is something you'd like to be involved with and what you might like it to be.

Speed Limit. We have been asked by the developers Hanwood Park to remind everyone that the speed limit on the access road is 20mph and in the compound (parking area) it is 5mph. Please could everyone adhere to the speed limits as excessive speed will apparently damage the road surface. Thank you.