



The Hayfield Herald

Read, Read, Read!

At Hayfield Cross we strongly believe that reading is the most important thing that the children can learn, do and enjoy. As you all know our main expectation for homework is that children read every day. To become lifelong readers who love to read though it is important that children read broadly, much more than just their reading books from school (but these are important to!). Please encourage your child to read everything they can and especially things that interest them. This could be research on the internet (supervised just in case), comics, magazines, information books, leaflets, instructions, labels, signsanything! If they are reading please make sure you do record it in their reading records as well as when they read their school reading books so we can see the children who are reading regularly. Please keep in mind that there is a proven impact that children who read every day, and read broadly, do achieve better in school so all the help and encouragement you can give will benefit your child.

Over the last two weeks I have been working with a group of Year 3 children looking at our praise and reward system. The children are very happy with our positive school and the praise and encouragement they get from their teachers. They love the celebration assemblies and think that this helps them to work hard and behave well. They made some excellent suggestions which we announced in assembly today. From now the sticker giver and clap leaders will be chosen by their teachers in Y1,2,3 and a reason why given as the children said these are important jobs and should be chosen on merit. We are also introducing a new award in the 'Flash of Brilliance Award' which will be awarded to a child in each class who has impressed their teacher with a flash of brilliance that week and will be awarded as part of the class 'wow moment'. As with the Hero award parents will receive a text if their child is receiving this award.

We have many volunteers working in our school now who are invaluable in the help they give. Some of them are parents, some grandparents, we also have volunteers from the local community and churches and people on work experience. Would like to thank all of you who do, and have volunteered for giving up your time. You make a real difference to our school and the children and we are very pleased that you want to be a part of our school team.

Special thank you this week to Logan's Grandma, Harrison's Mum and Mrs Millar who have very kindly donated books to us. Some of the books will be used for reading interventions and in the library and some are going to be used with our new playground seats to create reading areas at break at lunchtimes for the children to enjoy.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Maths Workshop for Parents – Friday 2nd November

On Friday after school (3:30-4:30pm) we will be hosting our second information workshop for parents which will be on maths. This will share with parents how we teach maths in school and our innovative talk task approach which is proving to be highly successful. There will be a DVD crèche for Hayfield Cross children (not siblings).

Please do not bring younger children to the workshop, this is an information session for parents and is not suitable for younger children to attend. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Notices

Sickness – As with many schools at the moment we have been hit with illness with both the children and the staff. Please remember that if your child has sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea they MUST be kept of school for 48 hours after the last incidence. This is to ensure that, even if the children seem better, they do not pass on the bug to others. Thank you!

Designated Safeguarding Leaders – We take safeguarding and the well-being of the children every seriously in our school. We now have three Designated Safeguarding Leaders who oversee safeguarding and child-protection and ensure we are doing everything we can for the children and families in our school. If you have any safeguarding/ child protection concerns please speak to Mrs Newcombe, Miss Priestley or Mr Charteris and we will ensure the right action is taken. All of our staff receive regular safeguarding training so you can also speak to any of them.

Christmas Carol Concert – Contrary to last weeks HH St. Botolph's is definitely not in the USA, it is also not in Burton Latimer as we said last week – it IS in BARTON SEAGRAVE!