

The Hayfield Herald



Merry Christmas Everyone

As we come to the end of our first seasonal term at Hayfield Cross Church of England School we have celebrated in style with many wonderful experiences for the children to enjoy as we celebrate our very first Christmas together. Photos from our brilliant Christmas week will be posted on the school blog (<http://hayfieldcross.org.uk>) shortly so please have a look.



The biggest event from this week was our very first school performance on Tuesday as all of the children recreated the greatest story ever told for our Nativity. Unfortunately we weren't able to have it outside as planned because of the weather but being in the hall with the set and lighting made it no less atmospheric. The children were all amazing, performing their parts brilliantly, speaking clearly and with such confidence. We are all extremely proud of the children and I am sure all of our parents are too. As a Church School it was a lovely way to remind us all about the true meaning of Christmas.

On Wednesday we had a busy day starting with Wednesday Worship with Rev Nigel and Faye. We had our first Christmas Dinner which was delicious and prepared by the brilliant Love Food. In the afternoon we had a special treat from MAD SCIENCE doing lots of Christmas experiments. The children loved this with experiments like finding out how to make Santa fit down a chimney by creating a vacuum, making masses of toothpaste for reindeers by creating a chemical reaction and tasting the fizz from fizzy drinks by making a carbon dioxide mist using dry ice. There was also lots more with fire, smoke, flashes and bubbles!

On Thursday the whole of #TeamOrange went to the Lighthouse Theatre to watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. It was a great show which the children loved. I was really pleased to hear when they got back that it stood out how polite and well behaved the children were at the theatre and how proud the staff were to take them out. This was really important as the first whole school outing and I know that lots of people there were very interested to see what 'that new school' is like. I am sure they were all very impressed by our brilliant children and quite envious of our unique stunning orange uniform.

On Friday we had our first assembly in the hall with our usual Celebration Assembly. Parents were invited and will now be able to join us every week after Christmas. Our texting system working well letting parents know on Thursday afternoon if their child is going to receive an award. The assembly was wonderful with our usual special clap (this week the snow clap). I had the pleasure at this end of term assembly to present the very first Hayfield Cross Legend Awards to Chloe (Squirrels) and Freddie (Bumblebees). The Legends are a very special award presented at the end of each term to children who ALWAYS try their best and are consistently exceptional in their attitude to learning and behaviour all term. These children will be joining our Hall of Fame which will be put up in the Hub later in the year. They will also be the ambassadors for our school through Pupil Voice, when we have visitors, helping us to make decisions on things we can do to make our school better and will be the children chosen for special jobs across the school. At the end of the year we will have a special treat for the Legends too. In the afternoon to finish our first term in style we had a Christmas party in the hall with the children dressing up in party clothes, loads of party food, dancing and games.

It seems incredible that only 14 weeks ago we opened our school with only 10 children and virtually no furniture and now it is a buzzing, vibrant school where the children are all excelling in their learning. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has joined us at Hayfield Cross on this amazing journey and for having the faith in us to provide the very best for your children. I cannot thank enough our exceptional and gifted staff team for all their hard work, brilliance, time and energy in making Hayfield Cross such an awesome place, I am VERY proud of all of them. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New year.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Huge thank you to everyone who answered our call for dressing up clothes. These will all be sorted and used by the children next term.

Also a big thank you to the Skye's parents who have donated a fantastic old sewing machine that is now in the Explorer Room as another artefact from the past for the children to investigate.