



The Hayfield Herald

Film Club



This week we had our very first after school club as we launched our KS1 Film Club watching *Monsters University*. We hope this will be the first of many after school opportunities we will be able to offer the children in the future. After half term we will be looking at adding some more clubs after Easter and preparing for a full range of clubs and activities for next year. The next Film Club will be on Wednesday 3rd February and we will be watching 'The Croods' (U).

This week the children had the opportunity to choose their first library books. There is a great selection of lovely books in our library and we will be adding more and more over the coming months and years. Please can we ask parents to ensure that the children really take good care of the books they bring home so that they are kept nice for many children to enjoy long into the future.

We are very excited about launching our Hayfield Spelling Bee which you will have received a letter about. We have had a few questions about this. Under the new National Curriculum the children are required to know the word lists for their year groups which form part of their end of year assessments. With the introduction of the new assessments for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) it is much harder for the children to achieve their expected levels than ever before. They will be working on their word lists in class but we believe that in order for the children to achieve their full potential they need to work on these throughout the year. In addition to working on them in school they will build their understanding much better if they look at these spellings fewer 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.

You are probably all aware that at the start of this term we had a large influx of new children in Squirrel Class. This is part of a huge wave of enquiries we are currently getting from parents wanting to join our school and it is lovely that 'word of mouth' about our school is so positive. On Wednesday we met with the County Council, Diocese and Admissions to look at the massive influx of numbers and the impact it is having on our school. At the meeting we confirmed that the remaining places in Key Stage 1 (Squirrel Class) are filled. **WE ARE NOW FULL IN YEAR 1 & 2** and the Governors are not admitting any more children into this class other than those who have now been allocated. If you know families who have applied unfortunately, unless they have received their allocation letter yesterday, they will not have a place at our school. The new children will mostly be starting after half term and we look forward to welcoming them then.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Parent Questionnaires – Thank you to all who returned their parent questionnaires by the deadline on Wednesday. We will be analysing all the information and will share the results with you soon.

Spellings and Phonics – Information about spellings and from our phonics evening is now live on the website in 'Curriculum Information' under the 'Parents' tab.

Slimming World – There is a new group opening in our school hall on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting next week on the 27th January. If you, or someone you know would be interested in joining please call Candice on 07801 983353 or 01536 649235