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The Hayfield Herald

Hayfield Cross Church of England School

T.O.Ps

Team Orange Parents

Today we surprised everyone with our new look end of term celebration assembly. We had our usual red carpets, awards and parents but added spotlights and staging to celebrate adding two more Hayfield Cross Legends to our Roll of Honour. Congratulations to Abi (Squirrels) and Reggie (Bumblebees) for being awarded Legend status for being excellent role models to others. The stage was set up as a special seating area for our four Legends and we look forward to adding more seats at the end of next term. We also welcomed Sienna and Sophie to their first celebration assembly, Sienna who joined us this week and Sophie who will be starting after half term both in Squirrel Class.

This week our new parents association met to finalise the committee structure and start thinking of ideas to support our school. At the meeting the name for the new association was decided to be T.O.Ps 'Team Orange Parents' which will how they will now be referred to. At all meetings all parents will be welcome to attend and get involved as and when they can. The core group was elected and we are very pleased to share that this year's committee is: Anna Dell'Utri (Chair), Lorrain Mears (Vice-Chair), Steven Daly (Treasurer), Marie Burton and Amie Starsmore (Secretary).

On Monday we had a great time celebrating Chinese New Year in school. The children were all split up into three groups with children from every year group in each so they got an opportunity to learn with other children. The teachers all led a different activity and the children rotated round so they did them all. Miss Priestley led a Chinese dragon dance which included lots of features, actions and information about the way they celebrate New Year in China. Miss Hardie's groups learned about the story of Chinese New Year and why they are all named after different animals by re-enacting the race that decided the order of the years. Miss Thomson's groups had the opportunity to make a stir fry and taste lots of different Chinese foods. It was a fantastic morning and a lovely way to learn about a different culture and how New Year is celebrated differently across the world.

We have had loads of support from parents recently donating things for school. Huge thanks to Harrison's Mum for lots of useful cardboard, Freddie's Dad for some really cool army things for Reception and Jessica B's Mum for loads of great resources for Reception! At the end of another great term at Hayfield Cross I would like to thank you all, families old and new, for continuing to support our new school and helping us to make it the very best it can be. Huge thanks to our incredible staff team who go over and above every single day to provide every child at our school with stunning experiences and fantastic opportunities for learning.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Thank you to everyone who attended our E-Safety information evening this week. It is really important that we all work together to ensure that children are safe on-line and can use the internet safely. We have had a big focus on E-Safety this week teaching the children about being safe on-line. Information from the evening is available from the office and will soon be on the website under Parents- Curriculum Information

Notices

World Book Day – We will be having a dressing up day on Friday 4th March for World Book Day and children can come dressed as their favourite book characters. We are asking for a donation of £1 each which will go to Book Aid. TOPs will also be holding a cake sale and second hand book sale (donations gratefully received!) to raise money too. More information can be found at http://worldbookday.com/

Website Class Pages – Our class pages are now live on the website if you would like to have a look!