



The Hayfield Herald

Happy Easter



This week we have been thinking about the meaning of Easter as we prepare to enjoy our holidays. On Monday Rev Eleanor from Christ the King Church led a wonderful assembly all about the Easter story with different clues hidden within eggs which the children then had to explain their meaning.

On Wednesday we had our first ever church service at the historic St. Botolph's Church led by Rev Nigel and the team there. It was a wonderful service and we were joined by many parents too. We learned all about Easter week and then the school split into different groups learning about different parts of the Easter story with acting, stories and objects to explore. After the service Bumblebee Class went back to school and Squirrel Class spent some time exploring the church and its features as a brilliant way to end this terms R.E. work on churches. It was great for the children to see first-hand the things they had been learning about and had the opportunity to really look around the church which isn't something they would normally get to do. Huge thanks to Rev Nigel and the team for an excellent morning, it was a wonderful first whole school church service and the children were a real credit to our school. Also thanks to Gt. Addington CE Primary School who organised our buses for us.

On Thursday we ended the term with a fantastic Easter celebration. We had our Celebration Assembly in the afternoon with all our usual awards and were very proud to present this terms Hayfield Legend status to Archie and Oscar, very well deserved boys. We presented our first Spelling Bee achievement prizes, the change in curriculum has meant that children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have to know and spell a bank of words by the end of the year. This is a difficult task so we designed the Spelling Bee to encourage the children to learn these words, little and often over time. All children in Squirrel Class have improved since their baseline in January with those who made the biggest improvements being awarded prizes today. We also judged the fabulous decorated egg competition for Easter which was very difficult because the eggs were all amazing and obviously lots of time and effort had been taken by everyone. Well done to all the prize and to everyone else as they were all brilliant.

After the assembly we had an Easter egg hunt around the school. There were eggs with codes hidden all around the school which children and parents had to find before returning to the hall to break the coded Easter message. Ollie and Brianna won the prizes for first and second and every child were awarded a chocolate egg for taking part. It was a great event and a lovely way for parents and children to work together as well as explore the whole school.

Thank you all for another exceptional term at Hayfield Cross. If you have joined us recently I hope you have had a wonderful start in our school and if you have been here longer, thank you for all your continued support and encouragement in making our school special, outstanding and unique. We are very lucky to have such an amazing and talented staff team at Hayfield Cross who I would like to thank for everything they do, every single day that makes a difference to every child in our school. Have a great Easter everyone, I will be updating the blog next week with all the photos and news of what we have been doing lately so please keep an eye on the website for that.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Dates letter – We sent out the dates letter this week which gives you all the key dates for the summer.

Hot Meals – Please remember to return completed lunch order forms in plenty of time before the order due date as the office shouldn't have to chase them up. You can email orders direct to Love Food if that is easier. If you don't have a menu please let us know in plenty of time. We will be putting reminders on HH in future when the menus go out so you will know if you are missing one.

School re-opens to children on Tuesday 12th April