

The Hayfield Herald

Merry Christmas



We have had a very exciting and enjoyable run up to Christmas with lots happening in school. Last week ended with the TOPs Christmas Fayre which was a roaring success and raised over £700 for our school. We are currently working with TOPs on what we are going to spend the moneys raised from events on and hope to have some more news to share soon. Thanks to all involved in the organisation, another great event!

On Monday the children went to the Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering to watch the Christmas pantomime of 'Beauty and the Beast'. They loved the show and I was even more pleased after to hear that someone who was there (not from our school) said the children from Hayfield Cross were by far the smartest and best behaved children in the theatre. Well done children (and staff) for being awesome representatives of our school.

On Monday evening Year 2 (Owls) and Year 3 went to Christ the King Church for our very first Christmas Carol Concert. The children retold the story of the first Christmas and sang songs and carols, including one rewritten by Miss Priestley to the music of Katy Perry's 'Roar'! On Tuesday they did it all again, this time at our other Church St. Botolph's. The children were magnificent and spoke and sang with confidence. I hope all who attended enjoyed it as much as we did. Huge thanks to all the staff involved for all their hard work in putting it all together and Rev. Eleanor, Rev. Nigel and the teams at both Churches for supporting us.

On Wednesday it was our Christmas Dinner which was lovely. The tables were all set and all 109 children were in the hall and ate together as our brilliant Love Food cooks served us a delicious Christmas meal.

To end the week we have been enjoying Reception and Year 1's nativity 'Born in a Barn'. It is always lovely to have a traditional nativity to remind us all of the real meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus which can sometimes get lost in the festivities. The children were wonderful and the staff, volunteers and parents have all done an amazing job organising, practicing and preparing the costumes and staging. Thank you to you all, it was brilliant. Also, a very special thank you to Lily in Y3 who was incredible stepping in as a narrator at the last moment for the evening performance.

We have loads of photos of all of our Christmas events and these will be added to our blogs next week when we've had a chance to go through them all so keep an eye on there. We will end the term next week with the Christmas Jumper day on Monday and our end of term celebration assembly on Tuesday.

At the end of our second term it has been wonderful to celebrate Christmas with our community. As a Church school this has been made really special with the children reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas through the Nativity and with our visits to our Churches. I would like to thank all of our parents and community for all your support and positivity that surrounds our school. And a very special thank you to all of our Team Orange staff and volunteers who make our school amazing with their hard work, commitment and determination to make Hayfield Cross the very best it can be. Thank you all, I wish you a very merry Christmas and much joy and happiness in 2017.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

Notices

Celebration Assembly – Our end of term celebration assembly will be on Tuesday at 1:30pm. As it is the end of term the assembly will be longer than usual so please be aware if you are bringing younger ones that they will have to sit for a long time. The studio also won't be available as the hall is set up the other way round (towards the doors) at the end of term so if they are restless you will have to take them outside.

Learning Experience Reviews – Term 2's Learning Experience Reviews will be posted on the class blogs next week so keep an eye on there to see what great learning the children have enjoyed this term.

Holiday Club – Letters were sent home on Wednesday advertising Premier Educations holiday clubs on the 3rd and 4th January. If you are interested please contact Premier.

School re-opens to pupils on the 5th January 2017