

# The Hayfield Herald

## Active Playtimes Are Go



Welcome back, we hope you have all had a wonderful Easter holidays and enjoyed your chocolate as well as remembering the real meaning of Easter and the sacrifice Jesus made for us. At the end of last term we were very pleased to present our Term 4 Legends to Sienna, Lucy, Alana, Mitchell and Karter - well done children! They will now join our other Legends as our school council in the 'House of Legends' helping us to make our school the best it can be.

One thing the Legends have been involved with and we launched this week is our new playtime equipment. The children have had a fantastic time playing with it this week and it has really helped them to be more active at playtime. The fancy dress which was very kindly donated by our families fills four big boxes and has been a big hit at lunchtimes. Next we will be putting in our golf course and disco area; after that we will be getting new lines painted on the playground which is being funded by TOPs and we may have more exciting developments to share soon!

In readiness for St. George's Day on Sunday our Worship Wednesday this week was the story of George and the Dragon and how God helped him to overcome the beast. The focus was on honour linked to the introduction of our focus Christian Value of INTEGRITY which all of the Worship Wednesdays this term will be based around. The two dates for your diary where parents will be invited to join us for WW this term are:

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Led by Rev Andy Clark from St. Botolph's**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – Led by Rev Eleanor from Christ the King**

On our recent parent questionnaire feedback was a request for a clearer explanation of our school awards, especially as we have updated them recently following our work with the Hayfield Legends. We have now updated our key information page on the website <http://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/information/key-school-information> with a section called 'High expectations of learning and behaviour' and added a document 'Celebrating Success' which explains all about our awards and rewards. Our behaviour policy can also be found on the same page.

Last terms Learning Reviews are now on the class pages of the website for you to have a look at. We will be posting this terms Learning Experiences on there too and these will also be emailed to parents.

More kind donations this week of books for the Hub. Thank you Mrs Stock, we will put them in the Hub soon!

*Craig Charteris* Head Teacher

### Hub Share Afternoons

In response to the request from our Parent Questionnaires for more opportunities to join the children in their learning we are introducing our new Hub Share afternoons which, if successful we will do more of next year. These will be on Mondays at 2pm in the Hub and a chance to share in activities with your child. More information will follow nearer the time but the dates for your diary are:

<b>Ladybirds</b>	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bumblebees</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b>		

### Notices

**Wet mornings** – When it is raining and the children go straight into school please can we ask that parents do not come into school with them. It makes it hard for us to manage who is in school and it is also a safeguarding issue. If you need to pass a message on to the teacher please either wait at the door or let Mr Charteris (who will be outside) or the office know. Thank you.

**Holidays in term time** – As you know we do not support any holiday during term time. NCC have informed us that with the recent Supreme Court over-turning of the Isle of Wight case they will now be taking more robust action against term-time holidays. They will be providing updated guidelines to schools shortly. It is likely our policy (as on the website) will remain the same where we refer all unauthorised term-time holidays to NCC. Please be aware though that the threshold for NCC taking action and issuing fines will now be higher so they will be more likely.

**Car Park** – We are aware that parents have started to drive into the staff car park when picking up for after school clubs. **PARENTS MUST NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE ENTRANCE WAY FROM THE COMPOUND OR USE THE STAFF CAR PARK AT ANY TIME.** This is a safety issue and puts children at risk, hence the signage at the entrance. The ONLY exception to this is with wheelchair users who, with prior agreement with school, use the disabled bays. Please support us in this to keep the children safe, thank you.