

Dear Parents & Carers

This edition of the Herald comes to you at the end of an expectedly busy week here in school! When December rolls around, schools become a hub of fun and just this week, we've enjoyed the 'Robin Hood' pantomime performed by the Big Bubble Theatre and then, dare I say it, two even more fabulous performances from our Early Years team as they entertained the masses with 'Whoopsy Daisy Angel". The plaudits and praise from the audience was incredible and when you consider how young these little stars are, I think it's incredible that they even manage to get on stage at the right time! Here's a few images from these performances!









Since our last newsletter, we've also been visited by the Mayor of Kettering, Emily Fedorowycz, who met all of our children, discussing democracy and elections with our eldest children. She also spent time with our eco-council and between them have set up some future meetings to discuss ways in which we can become more sustainable as well as protecting local wildlife – watch this space for more details.

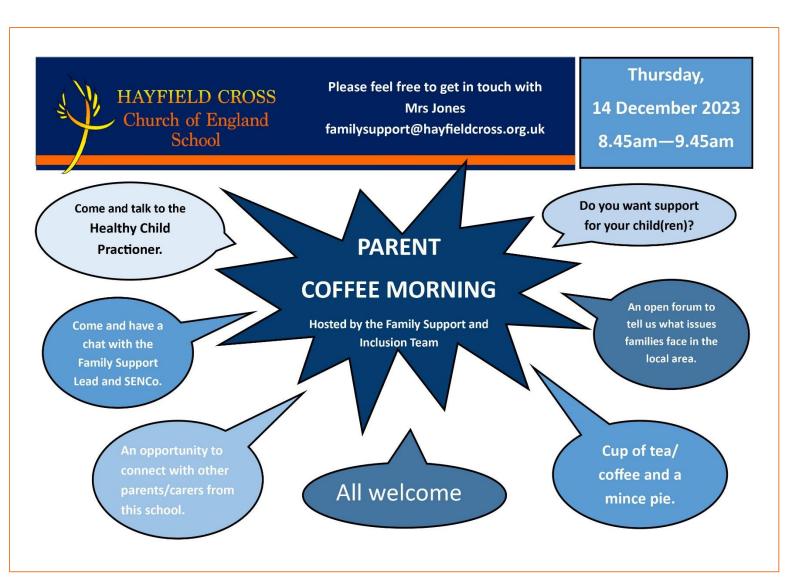
We were also pleased to work with the University of Northampton on their 'Multiply' project. The event they held here, with its festive theme, was their best attended event to date! We will continue working with them as they look at ways of developing Maths confidence in adults. Again, we'll keep you posted with upcoming sessions.

On the following page, you'll find an invite to a coffee morning being held on Thursday 14th December. Mrs Jones and Ms Stolz extend their invite to all of you and have invited along a local Healthy Child Practioner to also offer any support and advice. We hope you can come along for tea/coffee and a mince pie.

We will be soon welcoming some new team members to the Hayfield Team – Amy Billinton and Tamara Smith. We can't wait for you to meet them. In other staffing news, I'm delighted to let you know that Mrs Chester has got the teaching bug again and after Christmas will be teaching a group of Y3 pupils in the morning. Mrs Chester is a very experienced Teacher, including posts in Secondary School and has fantastic relationships with all of the children in school. Her addition to the year 3 team won't impact on anybody's registration group and just simply means we will able to split the year into 3 classes for their English and Maths lessons (instead of the current 2 classes). She is incredibly excited and so are we all!

I want to end by acknowledging the generosity and kindness of you, the Hayfield community. The TOPS group asked for your support with their Reverse Advent and the stockpile looks fabulous – families in need will benefit so much from this. We also received lots of kind donations at our nativity and TOPS will put this towards their investments into the school. Thank you so much.

Have a wonderful weekend and I'll see you at the gates.



Admissions Consultation 2025/2026

Our Admissions Policy for the academic year 2025/26 is currently under consultation. We are proposing to add children of staff-members to our Oversubscription Criteria. This consultation period ends on 31st December 2023.

To view the policy that is under consultation, please visit:

School Admissions (hayfieldcross.org.uk)

where you can also find out more information.

Safeguarding Matters

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you're concerned about the well-being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mr Albert, Mrs Plesca, Mrs Heard, Mrs Jones, Mrs Stolz or any of our safeguarding leads. For any out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on:

0300 126 7000

or out of hours: 01604 626 938



Dates for your diary

Rock Steady Concert (Parents) – Monday 11th December Love Food Christmas Dinner (book online) – Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 13th December
Y1 CTK Christingle Service - Wednesday 13th December
KS2 A celebration of Carols – Thursday 14th December
Parent Coffee Morning – Thursday 14th December
EYFS Christmas Crafts - Friday 15th December
Y2 Carol Concert – Thursday 19th December
Close for Christmas – Wednesday 20th December
School re-opens – Friday 5th January



As you know, we are always keen to share with you what is going on in school and to showcase what the children are learning. To increase the ways we do this, we have launched our very own Instagram account to share whole school awesomeness! Please follow us at:

<u> @Hayfield_Cross</u>



Follow our X account: @hayfield_cross and

the class pages to keep up to date with what's happening....

Today, the school office have been contacted by the site team at Taylor Wimpey following complaints about our parents blocking private driveways by parking across them and by parking on the corners of junctions. We wrote to you on the 9th November, sharing the below images to highlight the danger in this.



As a school, we will always do our best to support our parents and community, but our main purpose is to educate and develop your children. Whilst the school leadership and office team are dealing with issues such as this and parking on zig-zags, it is time they cannot spend supporting issues concerning your children in school.

Since September, we have sent polite reminders on multiple occasions asking for more care and consideration when using the road near our school but unfortunately some drivers still feel it is OK to put your child at jeopardy through their carelessness. Please take care to avoid these drivers and not contribute further to the problem.