

The Hayfield Herald

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that this edition of the Herald finds you well.

Well... that was an eventful way to end the term. Obviously, we cannot share the outcome of this week's Section 8 Ofsted inspection (the report will be published some time after half term) but what I can say is that it was a very positive experience and, particularly for colleagues who had not been through the process, great from a professional development perspective. On behalf of the school team, can I thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey and those of you who braved the weather to spend some time talking with the inspector. It will come as no surprise when I tell you that when our children spoke eloquently and politely to our visitor and, equally importantly, honestly. We will have some development points to work on as we plan the next part of the school's journey, and these can be discussed further after the report is released.

Although the two spring terms are quite short (with Spring Term 2 being especially so) we still try to make the days as fulfilling as possible for our children. You will see some examples of this on the following page. Next term we have lots more enrichment going on – including World Book Day and I know that Mrs Stevenson has already written to you with a brief outline of what will be happening on Thursday 7th March. TOPS are also planning to do something to celebrate the love of reading and we have a very exciting author visit booked in for the day before when we will be visited by one of my favourite children's authors, Ben Davis. Children will most likely be able to buy books from Ben or get their own copies signed but will give you more details next term.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Dickson from her maternity leave today and she will once again become Class Teacher of Ladybirds and EYFS Leader. This has meant that we can now employ Miss Whybrow as Miss Farquhar's maternity cover for Seekers Class. Both Mrs Dickson and Miss Whybrow have been spending lots of time with their new classes through this term so this should be a very seamless change. We must again thank Mr Irwin for his commitment and care for Seekers class during this interim period and he now returns to his supply cover role. Next term will also see Mrs Wood change her teaching commitment to 4 days a week with the extra day in Beacons covered by Mrs Elmore – again an adult very familiar to the children.

Legends Tea Party

Mrs Heard and Mrs Plesca met with the current Legends council yesterday, sharing an afternoon tea with them to congratulate them on being such excellent role models. Throughout their 'term of office' they have embodied our school values and been terrific representatives of the school. We are very proud of them and thank them for their hard work.



I hope that you have a truly fantastic and relaxing half term and get to do some lovely things as families. I also hope that the team also enjoy a relaxing break – as they thoroughly deserve it! I'll see you at the gates on Monday 26th February – take care!

Mr Albert

*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go (Joshua 1:9)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship

More exciting things that have happened these past few weeks...



Number Day

On 2nd February we joined in the fun for Number Day. This meant that all of the children in the school focused on number-based maths problems and activities during the day. The children all had great fun and this is also reflected in a recent pupil voice survey, where the children told us how much they enjoy maths...

Kurling

In the past few weeks, our children have had the chance to compete against other schools in Kurling. On Wednesday 7th February, Miss Walker took a team of KS1 children to a KS1 Kurling competition, whilst on Thursday 8th, Miss Whybrow led her KS2 team to a 3rd place finish. Both events were held at Latimer Arts College – there are lots of sporting activities coming next term too!



RISE Theatre 'God's Planet Hero'

On Thursday 7th February, our children and staff also got to enjoy a wonderful performance by the talented performers of the RISE Theatre company. The show took the children all around planet earth - from the cold peaks of Antarctica, the depths of the sea, to the multicoloured rainforest and the never ending awe of outer space! Pupils then got to take part in fun creative art activities!



Year 5 learning about space

Our Y5 pupils have been learning about space this term and here are few photos of them in their astronaut training sessions. The team here at Hayfield Cross always make learning come alive for pupils!

Dates for your diary

School closes – Friday 16th February

School reopens – Monday 26th February (Spring Term 2)

Parents Coffee Morning – Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Y5 Space Centre Trip – Thursday 14th March

Bring in Bonnets & Easter Gardens – Wednesday 27th March

School Closes – Wednesday 27th March

School reopens to pupils – Monday 15th April (Summer Term 1)

Parents Evening – Wednesday 17th April/Thursday 18th April

Y4 York Residential – Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th April

EYFS West Lodge Farm trip – Tuesday 7th May

Y1 Sywell Country Park trip – Wednesday 8th May

EYFS Balance Bike Training – Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

Parent drop in session – Thursday 16th May

EYFS Nurse Screening – Wednesday 22nd May

York Parents Assembly – Thursday 23rd May

School closes – Friday 24th May

School reopens to pupils – Monday 3rd June (Summer Term 2)

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**

A prayer at Half Term

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

Amen.



Follow our X account:

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



Instagram

We have our very own Instagram account to share whole school awesomeness! Please follow us at:

@Hayfield_Cross