

# The Hayfield Herald

Dear Parents & Carers

We're already half-way through the very short, second half of the Spring term and when we return from the Easter break our year 6 children will not have long to wait until they sit their end-of-KS2 statutory assessments and then turn their eye to Secondary School. In conversation, most of them seemed happy with their allocated school but we have also reminded them that they will make new friendships as they journey into KS3.

## Whole School Mental Health Day

Last week, we celebrated a whole school mental health day, where your children had the opportunity to turn their focus to an activity of their choice for an afternoon. This was a lot of fun and gave the children the opportunity to work with different adults. As you know, in school we are big advocates for supporting mental health and Mrs Plesca, Ms Stolz and Mrs Jones are pushing ahead with many plans to help our children develop positive mindsets as they grow older.

## Author Visit and World Book Day

This week, Mrs Stevenson has taken over the school with a huge push on reading. This began on Wednesday when we were able to invite award-winning author, Ben Davis, in to work with our older children. His visit was a huge success and the children told me he was very funny. Ben also told me that he really enjoyed his visit and was impressed with our children.



Mrs Stevenson then followed this with a coordinated staff approach to World Book Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, where she ~~forced~~ asked colleagues to dress as characters from well-known children's books, including 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory'.

More importantly we were all able to celebrate the absolute pleasure of reading and I was absolutely delighted to see how many of you were able to find the time to join the children and staff for the 'reading café' workshops at the end of the day. Thank you so much for helping us with this – we will definitely look to do more of this type of thing as you clearly enjoyed it immensely. I'd also like to thank the TOPS Group for organising a second-hand book collection and sale – this too was incredibly busy so well done to all involved. There's a little more about TOPS on the following pages.



Would it even be an edition of the Herald if we weren't able to champion one of our own mega stars? William, who is a member of our Eco-Club, saved his own money and gave up his own time to build this rather impressive bug hotel for our school. Mrs Hitchcock was amazed by his generous act.

This newsletter has been written on 'International Women's Day' and I am really fortunate to have some strong female role-models in my life and now to work with so many talented women. I hope they, and the women around us, feel valued on this and every day and realise how appreciated they are. Finally, on behalf of the team here, we wish a very Happy Mother's Day to those celebrating this day on Sunday. Feet up all day please!

See you at the gates on Monday!

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

## Hayfield Cross Sports Kits update...

You may have seen on our social media accounts that we have started to wear our smart new sports kits which have been sponsored by members of our community and local business. We wanted to show off the kits we have received so far and a little bit about the kind sponsors who have provided them!



This kit for Upper Key Stage 2 was provided by Kettering Storage Solutions Ltd. A family run business, based in Kettering, KSS offer commercial and household storage, along with home removal or delivery services. You can find out more on their website at [www.kettering-storage-solutions.co.uk](http://www.kettering-storage-solutions.co.uk).

We then have this kit, again for UKS2, which was kindly sponsored by sponsorship from Smith R J Ltd, an authorised Snap-on franchisee (Northampton area). Snap-on provide high-end tools and equipment for a range of industries. For more, please visit their website [www.snapon.co.uk](http://www.snapon.co.uk).



Upper Key Stage 2 were also gifted this wonderful rugby kit which looks incredible and again, makes our children very proud to slip into the school kit.

Finally, we have these coats, which were kindly sponsored by Dida G & C, a company that specialises in general contracting work and home renovations.



We are still waiting on receiving more sponsored kit and will share these with you, when we receive them in the coming weeks...

## Dates for your diary

**EYFS Mothers Day Event – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Y5 Space Centre Trip – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Bring in Bonnets & Easter Gardens – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**School Closes – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**School reopens to pupils – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April (Summer Term 1)**

**Parents Evening – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April/Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Y4 York Residential – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**EYFS West Lodge Farm trip – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Y1 Sywell Country Park trip – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**EYFS Balance Bike Training – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Parent drop in session – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**EYFS Nurse Screening – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**York Parents Assembly – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**School closes – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**School reopens to pupils – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Summer Term 2)**

Hopefully you will have seen the posters advertising the upcoming meeting for the TOPS Group on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please do attend the meeting if you can lend a hand as the more volunteers that Alice and the team can get, the more activities and events they can put on for our children and for you parents. We hope to see you there!

## 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 for peace around the world**

**God of all hope and peace,**

**We bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.**

**Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief and conflict.**

**We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.**

**Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.**

**In Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**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**