



The Hayfield Herald

Give thanks for the Harvest

Although we couldn't have our usual Harvest celebration and service this year we still decided to have a collection for the Kettering Foodbank to support those in need in our community. Mrs Bellamy does a lot of work with the foodbank and we were happy to support this worthy cause. The pandemic has caused a 61% increase in the number of food parcels needed and families with children have been hit the hardest. Mrs Bellamy said, 'We received a fantastic number of donations for the Foodbank this week so a huge thank you to everyone who donated. The Foodbank were extremely grateful when I delivered your kind donations. Nobody should go hungry so your kindness and generosity will make a such a difference to people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families right now.'

As a lovely addition to our Harvest, members of TOPs were busy this week preparing a competition for everyone. When we arrived on Monday we found a fabulous scarecrow at the school entrance - well done TOPs for a stunning job! The scarecrow does not have a name though and we are looking forward to finding out the winner of the competition shortly.

In other TOPs news we have updated the TOPs page on our website:

<https://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/parents/toppa>

Here you will find the new AGM report and an invitation to the meeting on the 12th October. The report gives the details of TOPs activities and the money you have raised over the last year. Over half term we will be having our playground canopy installed to provide a shaded area for playtimes and for the children to work under. TOPs have very kindly contributed £6000 of the money you have all raised towards the canopy enabling us to go ahead with this. Along with this we have also gathered other funding to be able to build the canopies and we purchased some outdoor benches and table tennis tables as well for the children.

Last Friday the whole school celebrated National Poetry Day to support our drive to promote the importance of reading at Hayfield Cross. All of the classes learned a different poem and enjoyed a range of activities based around poetry. I was really pleased to be invited to Year 5 to read their poem for them so the children could hear how different readers may read it. I perhaps should have read the poem before I agreed as it was very tricky! The children did a much better job than I did and you can see them reading it on their Twitter page. Lots of the classes also recorded theirs too so I'm sure you have already enjoyed them.

I am very happy to share some other wonderful news with you all. Last week Miss Priestley gave birth to a baby boy. They have named him Ellis and he and Miss Priestley are doing great. Mum, Dad and Ellis are all at home and enjoying their time together as a new family. Due to the Coronavirus they haven't been able to visit us yet but we have been messaging and seen lots of pictures. We are looking forward to meeting Ellis soon and seeing Miss Priestley and I am sure you will all share in our joy at this lovely news.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

*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 go³ (Joshua 1:9)*

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