



The Hayfield Herald



Virtual Tours



We had a very different start to this week as we hosted a film crew on Monday to record our virtual tour of the school. Usually we spend the Autumn term showing many parents and families around our lovely school as they consider where they would like their child to start Reception in September. Obviously this year is very different so in order to still be able to meet those prospective families we had arranged a series of Covid-Safe tours after school on Friday's starting after half term, and then we went into a second lockdown! We were very fortunate to secure the crew who are giving up their time and expertise for us, usually they are jetting all over the world but luckily for us they are also grounded with lockdown. When we began planning our 'virtual tour' the first thing we decided was that our school is unique, so our tour has to be equally as unique. We want it to capture the essence of our school and showcase our amazing children in their school life. On Monday they spent most of the time filming in Reception (as that's what prospective parents are most interested in) but also filmed other parts around the school. On Wednesday there was a walk through the whole school with a special one-man rig which will create the virtual tour part of the film. Next Monday they will be filming some more scenes in other areas of the school as well. The children who have been in the film so far have been absolute stars, we wish we could include every child (with permission of course!) but unfortunately we can't. Today we have seen the draft of the 'tour' walk through from Wednesday, it is truly awesome and we can't wait to share it with you. Hopefully the whole film will be ready next week to share with you and show to our prospective new families for our school. If you know someone who is considering Hayfield Cross for a place in Reception 2021, please ask them to be patient, we hope it will be worth the wait. Mrs Plesca has been in charge of organising and managing the whole project and has done an incredible job – Well done Mrs Plesca!

Last week we had a fabulous day celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali across the whole school and learning the story of Rama and Sita. Usually we would have a day of children moving around the school doing different activities but this year had to be kept in class. Miss Farquhar (our RE Leader) organised activities across the school as we really wanted the children to experience and understand why Diwali is an important festival to people across the world. The class Twitter feeds show some of the great things the children learned. My favourite was 'Sita the Tweeter' - if Sita had Twitter what would she share on there? A really lovely day (in Reception they had activities all week) spent learning and understanding another world religion.

On Children in Need day we had a low key event of 'Paint your face for Pudsey' where the children could either paint their face or their hand for this worthy cause. We were really impressed with the wonderful variety of designs and ideas on show! We raised a fantastic £192.10 which has been donated to Children in Need!

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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