



# The Hayfield Herald

## Better Days Ahead...

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It seems very strange that our first newsletter of the year is being sent in the middle of March but we are very pleased that we have all the children back in school again! Since we opened on January 4<sup>th</sup> for one day we have been in lockdown along with the whole country. During this time we have provided daily live learning for children and been so impressed with how they have managed and continued to learn. In school we have provided key worker places for 114 children and supplied over 30 devices to families who needed them thanks to many very kind donations of equipment from our community. Thank you to you all for your support and encouragement throughout this time and even more so well done for being honorary teachers and managing home learning!

The children have come back brilliantly although it seems like we've been back for ages, not just one week now. It's so nice to walk through the school and see all our classes full again and the children enjoying their learning again. This lockdown has been very different to the first because of the weather and the expectations of remote learning meaning children have generally not been outside as much. At least with our live learning they have had constant contact with their teachers and friends which has helped but it's great they are now getting to see and play with their friends again.

Welcome to all the new families and children who have joined us during the lockdown. Unfortunately we haven't been able to show you around our school but if you haven't already seen it please watch our school tour on our website: <https://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/reception-2020> On the home page our other video 'Pioneers of the Future' will also pop up and shows off our fabulous children being awesome.

Despite the re-opening of schools these are still early days and we need to be cautious as we move forwards. We will continue to do all we can to keep everyone safe in school but please stay safe at home and continue to be careful in all you do. Even as restrictions are lifted across the country we will review our own measures and risk assessments and only change them when we are sure it is safe to do so. We are most looking forward to when we can have an assembly together and using our lovely Hub and the Diner but this is still a long way off for now and sadly very unlikely we will have any events where parents can join us before the summer.

Last week during the lockdown we celebrated World Book Day. Not our usual celebration but it was still good to mark this day. As a lovely change to remote learning we had a day away from screens and hopefully giving the children the chance to enjoy reading. Despite our modern world there is still something wonderful about opening a book and as we always say here, reading is the most important skill you can learn! We hope that all children at Hayfield Cross grow up with a love of reading and enjoy stories and learning for life.

*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 go<sup>3</sup> (Joshua 1:9)*