



The Hayfield Herald

FAREWELL YEAR 6

At the end of another very strange year in school we are sad that we are ending with a bubble closure with Year 3 in isolation after managing the whole pandemic staying open. Unfortunately, this is happening in hundreds of schools across the country so we have still been very lucky. Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding of our measures which we will keep in place next week despite the lifting of restrictions elsewhere. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff who have worked tirelessly through the year and also to all of you at home who have been phenomenal this year with remote learning and keeping us all safe – you deserve a medal! We are so sad that all of our new parents who have joined over the last 18 months and especially Reception have not enjoyed the full Hayfield Cross experience but we are hopeful that we will be welcoming you all into school more often again soon.

At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to some of our team as well; Mrs Chester is moving on to a new post at her other school and has been awesome at Hayfield Cross, especially in the key worker provision through lockdown! Mrs Bellamy's contract is ending with us and she has done a fantastic job with our Year 6 and supporting our Key Stage 2 – THANK YOU! Mrs Li and Mrs K Thompson have only been with us a short time on temporary contracts and have been an asset to our school and we hope they have enjoyed their time with us. We also have three members of staff heading off on maternity leave and wish Mrs Plesca, Mrs C Thompson and Miss Oldham the very best and look forward to celebrating their news. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Plesca who has been our rock over the last 18 months and been thoroughly amazing through the pandemic for the whole school and the staff, she will be missed (until she comes back!).

Most importantly we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6. We are disappointed we haven't been able to have the celebrations that we would have liked but they have been super busy over the last few weeks. As they weren't able to have their Year 6 residential this year we organised a day at the Frontier Centre at Irthlingborough. The centre is running Covid safe sessions and the children had an amazing time doing archery, climbing high ropes and lots of different team building activities, what a great day! This week they have composed and performed their own class song which you can see on Twitter and have written letters to Year 5 to welcome them into Year 6 next year. They also officially handed over their Playmaker roles to year 5 which they have done a fantastic job with. The Playmakers have been on the playground at lunchtimes organising games and looking after the other children making sure they have lots of great activities to join in with. They have had some special visitors in school as well. They have had the Fire Service come in and talk to them about the dangers of swimming in deep water pools and rivers as this is becoming an increasing danger for children and teenagers. They also had an amazing day being mini-medics and learnt all about first aid, CPR, choking, asthma and bleeding. They all did very well and now are all trained to preserve life whilst waiting for an ambulance. There have been lots of sports events where they have represented our school. Recently it was the Festival of Sports and many of them were in our athletics team.

We will be very sad to see Year 6 go, some of the children have been with us since Year 1 in the first year of the school. Skye is the last child here who started on the very first day of Hayfield Cross (with the four boys in now in Year 5 starting a couple of days later when Reception opened) so it really is the end of an era and we will miss them all. When Year 1 first opened it was in Squirrel Class which was a mixed Year 1 and 2 Class in what is now the Hedgehog Classroom with Miss Priestley and Miss Hardie as their teachers. Their first proper class of their own was as Owls in Year 2 which was also Mrs Plesca's first class at Hayfield Cross and she also has very special memories of her 'Owlets'. Over the years this class has had many changes with children joining throughout every year. It has been lovely to have all of them no matter how long they have been with us and we hope they will take many treasured memories of their time here. I have two favourite memories of this class. The first was when they were in Year 3 during our Harry Potter theme week when we went to the Harry Potter Studios in London. I was with Year 3 and had a truly wonderful time with my group, even though we did get told off for eating lunch in the wrong place! My other favourite memory was on their York residential visit in Year 4. They had an amazing three days in York visiting all the great attractions there and it was so lovely getting to know them better as we toured around the city.

It has been our pleasure having Year 6 at Hayfield Cross and being able to nurture and support them through their primary school experience. I am proud of each and every one of them and it is wonderful to see them all ready to fly the Team Orange nest on their next adventure. We wish them all the greatest success in the future and hope they will take with them our values of Joy, Integrity and Fellowship wherever their journeys take them. Good luck Year 6!

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*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)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship