



# The Hayfield Herald

## Welcome to Hayfield Cross

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship

I can't believe that we are now starting our 7<sup>th</sup> year at Hayfield Cross Church of England School. We now have 13 classes with two forms all the way up to Year 5 with 375 children (many classes now being full and very few spaces left across the whole school). We were really pleased to welcome all of our new Reception children and families into school this week and we are very proud that you have chosen Hayfield Cross for your child. We have also welcomed several new children into other year groups as well and hope that you all enjoy being a part of our amazing school and community.

Along with all our new families we also have a number of new staff joining our team as our school continues to grow. A full list of our staff can be found on our website: <https://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/information/staff>

There have been some changes in leadership with Mrs Plesca now on maternity leave. Miss Priestley has returned to her role as Deputy Headteacher (Mon/Tues/Weds) and Miss Farquhar has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher. Along with this we have restructured our Phase Leaders which are now being led by Miss Rose (EYFS), Miss Douglas (KS1), Miss Vincitore (LKS2) and Miss Mulroy (UKS2). As shared on our 'Here to Help' poster last week if you have any concerns your first port of call is always to discuss them with your Class Teacher. If you aren't able to get them resolved, then it will be referred to the Phase Leader who will be there to support. For our pastoral team we are very pleased that Ms Stolz will be remaining with us after covering Mrs Newcombe's maternity leave and they will now both work together increasing the support we can offer to children and families.

In our collective worship this week we have thought about new beginnings as we start the new school year. For the first time in 18 months we are able to operate without bubbles and massive restrictions on using all of our amazing learning spaces. We have been thinking about our school vision '*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)'. Through this we remember as we start the new year that everyone is nervous when starting anew but by being brave we can achieve great things and enjoy all of the new opportunities we have.

It has been lovely walking through the school and seeing how brilliantly the children have settled in. Across the school they have already been up to loads of great things and in particular been enjoying making food and drinks as part of instruction writing. There is, as always, a real buzz throughout the school and the children have been awesome as always. If you would like to see what they are up to the classes post regularly on their Twitter feeds (don't worry if you don't have Twitter as the feeds are live on the class pages of the school website too!). Don't forget to follow the schools feed as well @hayfield\_cross

Unfortunately, we weren't able to present our Year 2 children with their new ties at the end of last year. For once it was not actually because of Covid but because of a supply issue! Thankfully they were finally delivered in the holidays so all of the children received their new tie ready for Year 3 on their first day. They all look amazing in their super smart Key Stage 2 uniforms and ready for Key Stage 2.

Over the summer we have had a few additions to the school environment as well as finally putting back together our lovely Hub, Rabbit Hole, Explorer Room and Diner. In the Key Stage 2 breakout area we have fitted new lights to make the space much brighter. We have also rearranged the furniture and added indoor plants and wallpaper to make it a really nice and more grown up area for the children to work in. We have also added some new wall art with a celebrating diversity wall in the main corridor and a huge world map outside Year 3. Outside we have added a new scooter rack which was very kindly purchased by TOPs and is getting great use already!

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