



# The Hayfield Herald

## Best We Forget



It's been a very busy first week back in school and it has been wonderful to see the children so settled and productive after our two-week holiday. This week we have started joining together in Key Stages again for Collective Worship in the hall. We have also started our first Covid safe prospective parent tours for Reception 2022 which have been really positive. The visitors have been full of praise for our school and in particular how amazingly well the children behave and conduct themselves.

Yesterday we observed the minute silence for Remembrance Day and the children took part in a range of activities in their classes to understand the meaning of the day and the silence. We are proud to honour both those who have served and those who continue to serve for our country. We hope the children will grow understanding the importance of this day and in particular those who lost their lives in the two World Wars ensuring our freedom.

On Wednesday we had a special Worship Wednesday thinking about the festival of Diwali celebrated in the Hindu and Sikh faiths. Miss Farquhar led our worship and retold the story of Rama and Sita and its meaning. The children acting the story were fabulous as were those answering questions showing they have a deep understanding of when we have celebrated Diwali in the past. Peter Cantley (Diocesan Director of Education) joined us for worship as well as a tour of our school. He was super impressed with our school and later sent me the following message that we would like to share with you:

*'It was a great pleasure to be in your wonderful school this morning. I was delighted to see how engaged the children were during the morning assembly and in such a wide variety of different learning activities in their classrooms. The quality of the pupils' display work and the creativity shown in the design of so many aspects of the buildings and facilities were tremendous to see. Your staff have created a lovely learning environment for the children and developed such supportive relationships with all the pupils that I am sure the school will continue to go from strength to strength.'*

Earlier in the week Miss Mulroy took a team of Year 2 Sports stars to a Multi-Skills Festival with a range of other local schools. The children were fantastic ambassadors for Team Orange and had so much fun competing in throwing, balancing and agility challenges.

At the end of last term, we had the honour of presenting our first Hayfield Legends of the year. Well done to our awesome role models who have been recognised with their wristbands and ties and we look forward to seeing you take on responsibilities around the school soon.

Over the holidays you may have seen we have had some works done outside. At the front gate you may have seen the Reception mud kitchen area has been revamped and new paths installed. This was all very kindly done for us by Bellway Homes who have now started work behind the school. This area will be a sensory garden and upgraded outdoor provision which will be used by Reception but also be a resource for the rest of the school to use and enjoy. We have installed an additional canopy outside Y4 and Y5 which, along with the Y3 one, will create a shaded area for break times but also a large workspace the children can use for their learning. These canopies also have the added benefit of keeping these classrooms cool in the summer when the sun is directly over them all day.

*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)*

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