



The Hayfield Herald

New Year, New Hope

Happy New year to you all! As we start 2022 we are hopeful of good things ahead for all of our community. A new year brings fresh hope and new opportunities and reminds us of 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 go³ (Joshua 1:9)

'As the harvest grows from the soil, Hayfield Cross came to life in 2015. From nothing, we have grown at the heart of our new community, persevering through challenge into a flourishing school. Guided by our Christian values the seeds of Joy, Integrity and Fellowship are planted as we instil this pioneering spirit in our children, challenging them through exciting learning to aspire to greatness in all that they do.'

We feel especially reminded of this as we come back from Christmas and with more new families joining our school taking our number to 380 children. There are now only 10 spaces left across the whole school, quite an achievement for a school in the middle of a field that started with only 10 children! For all our new families that have joined us over the last few months we hope you have settled well and enjoying being part of our wonderful community. Don't forget that there is loads of information to help you under the 'parents' tab on the website which we updated before Christmas. (<https://hayfieldcross.org.uk/index.php/parents/helpful-information>). The class pages for each year group also have on there the Home School Charter which sets our expectations for working in partnership to give your children the very best support at home and school. Also on the class pages are the Learning Experiences so you can see what the children are learning this term and includes ideas for homework and other information. If you don't already follow your classes on Twitter the feeds are also on the class pages so you can see all the great stuff they are doing in class each week.

Even though this is our first full week back there has already been so much going on in school. My favourite thing this week has been watching the Badger Class random readers on Twitter, the children certainly are being very creative and inventive in finding places to read.

Year 6 had a super exciting start to their crime topic on Monday where they discovered a crime scene in the spare Year 6 classroom (which will be Frontier Class next year). They had to find and solve the clues including fingerprinting, analysing handwriting and investigating how to use chromatography to discover the culprit. They were having a great time when I went in but didn't hang around too long in case I ended up being accused.

Also this week Year 3 had their first Ukulele lessons. This is a fantastic project provided by NMPAT (who also provide some of our peripatetic music tuition) where they lead a series of sessions to encourage children to learn a musical instrument.

Another highlight was Year 4 becoming archaeologists as they explored the Anglo Saxon Sutton Hoo excavation. The children had to uncover artefacts and information by 'digging' in sand trays. They then had to piece together their discoveries just like the real find to work out more about the Anglo-Saxons as a great buzz point to start their topic.

This week the children have also discovered some changes in the Hub. We have shortened the long bookcase and desk area and rearranged it so that it has created much more space. Our Reading Caravan now has a proper reading space around it and opened up more group spaces around the Hub. We are now working on plans to create a new area at the back of the Hub which will be a lovely new reflection area – watch this space!

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