



The Hayfield Herald

Officially a Good School!



Where we FINALLY received our OFSTED report,
the children have become rock stars and we celebrated Roald Dahl Day!

Another new year and it has been wonderful to see our new intake of Reception children starting their school careers with us. We hope you have all had a wonderful start at Hayfield Cross and will enjoy our journey together as they grow through Hayfield Cross. As the new children start we are already looking to next year with the county council already opening the application process (although it doesn't end until January 2019 so there is plenty of time. If you do know anyone who is interested in their child joining our Reception 2019 classes the information now on the website under the 'Reception 2019' drop down on the menu bar.

We were extremely pleased this week to find out that for Reception admissions we are ranked as the 3rd most sought after school in the Kettering area, and we are the only one who actually don't have a catchment (also remember that just over 3 years ago this was still a building site!) The article can be seen here:

<https://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk/news/school-applications-the-most-sought-after-primaries-in-kettering-1-8636116>

A short 10 weeks after our actual inspection we were really pleased to be able to share our final OfSTED Report with you all. The report is extremely positive and we are very proud of the school that we have become against all the odds. Our staff are incredible and we feel blessed that we have such an amazing team to educate your children. Huge thank you to all of you who spoke to the inspectors and completed the survey which is highlighted in the report and for your kind words and support for us.

Last week we celebrated Roald Dahl Day with a fantastic activity where the children were split from all the classes and went in groups and listened to parts of Roald Dahl stories across the school. It was such a lovely atmosphere through the school hearing these wonderful stories being told.

Rock Steady have also now started on Monday afternoons and have been a big success. It is very impressive to watch primary school children learning to play in a band and they really are very good. Once they are fully inducted into the rock n roll hall of fame we are sure they will be giving a performance so watch this space!

Another new thing for this year is Miss Priestley's fantastic idea to introduce 'Spiritual Ambassadors' from Year 2 upwards. These children will lead collective worship, work on improving the environment, inducting new children and staff to our Christian and British Values and other responsibilities to promote our Church school ethos. The children had to apply for this important role and were then interviewed. There were many applicants and those children who were not successful we are looking at other roles for them such as play leaders and the newly created Global and Cultural Committee in Year 4&5.

This week we had our first open Worship Wednesday for you to join us led by Rev Andy. It was a fantastic assembly about Peace although did include some very loud drumming. For those who are new to our school we have Worship Wednesday every week and parents are invited to the ones led by the clergy from our two churches. They start at 8:55am and you are very welcome to join us. The next two dates this term for you are:

3 rd October	Rev Eleanor (CTK)	World Smile Day
17 th October	Rev Andy / Rev Eleanor	Harvest Celebration

Last week we had our 'Welcome to Our Class' meetings which we introduced last year and were a great idea of our parents. The meetings went well and it was lovely to see so many of you in school. We discovered this year though that with so many siblings it was tricky for some parents to get to more than one meeting. Next year we will split the key stages into different days to hopefully make this easier!

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