



The Hayfield Herald

On Your Bike!



The 100th Hayfield Herald with news of bikes, ukuleles and swimming!

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone. This is actually the 100th edition of the HH which has documented our schools life from the very beginning in September 2015. After our successful last year we are aiming to make 2019 our year of 'excellence' challenging our staff and children to find those 1% of extra effort and change to continue to make our school the amazing place it is. The inspiration for this comes from the British Olympic cycling team (if you are interested you can read this article <https://hbr.org/2015/10/how-1-performance-improvements-led-to-olympic-gold>).

Following the cycling theme this week Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability course. The children with their bikes learned all about road safety and how to ride confidently and safely with control. The children really enjoyed the course and afterwards the instructors said to us what lovely children they were and that their excellent behaviour and listening really impressed them. Unfortunately we couldn't offer the older course for the Year 5's as that requires them to ride on roads and with our only option being busy main roads we decided that wasn't safe. Hopefully our actual road will be completed by next year with all the works happening and we can offer it then.

This term our overarching school theme is 'All God's Creatures' which has a particular focus on science and nature. The learning experiences and homework ideas were sent home before the holidays but are also on the class pages of the website for easy reference.

Another first today for Year 4 and 5 is our schools first swimming lessons. The children all went to Thrapston pool for their introductory session. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum as well as a valuable and fun life skill. The lessons are to develop all the children with basic skills whether they are already confident swimmers or have never swam before. Unfortunately as the pool slot we have is on a Friday morning Year 4 and 5 won't be in Celebration Assembly while they are swimming. We looked at all the different ways we could make it work but none are feasible without affecting something else. We felt it was still very important that the children still get their awards so we will present these on Monday instead but unfortunately parents will not be able to attend.

This week Year 3 started their class ukulele lessons with NMPAT. This was an initiative introduced a few years back to provide children access to learning musical instruments. We have applied every year but there hasn't been enough tutors available so we haven't had the chance to do it. The course lasts 12 weeks and we hope there will be a performance at the end to see what they have been doing.

Thank you to all who supported our TOPs Christmas jumper day on the last day of term. It raised a fantastic £114.80 which we will be putting towards some of our new play leader resources that will be introduced this term.

This term we have some new faces working in our school. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Weineck who has joined us as an additional support assistant in Year 4 and Mrs Van Vliet as a new lunchtime supervisor. Children in Bumblebees and Owl Class also have two student teachers working with them this term with Miss Miles-Coleman and Miss Hasseldine respectively.

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