



The Hayfield Herald



Emergency!



Reception have also had an exciting week this week with a focus on people who help us. On Monday they had a visit from the fire service where they met the firefighters, looked at their equipment and got to go on the fire engine. Later in the week we also had a visit from Phoebe's Mum who is a Police Officer and brought a riot van and equipment and also Margaret Lawson our PCSO who talked to them about her community work. Huge thanks to Phoebe's Mum for doing this! To finish the week they had a lovely dress up day and all of the children looked brilliant.



On Monday Owl Class had a wonderful visit to Twycross Zoo as part of their theme 'Journey of a Lifetime'. The children got to feed lorikeets (exotic birds) nectar with some landing on the children's heads. They walked through the lemurs, up close and personal while the zoo keeper was feeding them. They saw the Amur Leopard climb upside down in its enclosure and they loved playing in the playground.

On Wednesday we had our clergy led Worship Wednesday with Reverend Nigel all about fathers and how God is our heavenly father and looks after us, wherever we go and whatever we do. We were also sad to announce that it would be Reverend Nigel's last assembly with us as he is moving to a new church in Braintree where he will be the lead Priest. Nigel has been involved in our school from the very beginning (he even interviewed me for the Head teacher job!) and has been a big part and supporter of Hayfield Cross. He was also involved in naming the school and choosing our unique orange uniform. We will all miss Rev Nigel's visits and wish him and his family the very best of luck in their new adventure.

You may have seen this week our fabulous new playground markings that we've added to our playground. These are both for the children to use during playtime and in their learning. We are really pleased to have them installed and they have been bought for us by our brilliant TOPs parents association from all the money that you have all raised over the last year. These markings will make a real difference and bring lots of enjoyment to lots of children for many years. Thank you!

TOPs have also excelled themselves with their recent Readathon over the holidays. This was a brilliant idea. Although we were a little disappointed that only 41 children took part those children raised a staggering £1051 which has been donated to school to buy more books (which will be used in our daily Book Talk) which will benefit every single child in the school. What an amazing achievement and thank you to all involved.

Last week we were very pleased to welcome back Miss Hardie who has returned following her maternity leave. Many of you will know Miss Hardie but for those who don't she was one of our original Assistant Head Teachers (along with Miss Priestley) who, with me and Mrs Fraser, were the original staff leaders who set up our school from before it was built. Miss Hardie played a huge role in building our school and we are very pleased to have her back. Sadly, she will only be with us until the summer holidays as she is taking a break after to spend more time with her new family although she will still be with us from time to time. During the summer she will be working with all of the classes as well as running different groups so all of the children will see her.

Some other exciting news is that Miss Priestley has now been made our substantive Deputy Head (not 'acting' anymore) which is fantastic and we are also very pleased to now share with you that from September Mrs Plesca will be our new Assistant Head Teacher. We are very lucky in our school to have such brilliant leaders! Over the last few weeks we have been reorganising and employing our staff team for next year. All of our teachers are now in place although we can't announce them all yet as their old schools haven't shared that with parents yet. We will share the children's new class teachers at the beginning of July ready for move up day on the 17th.

Lots of thanks this week for more very kind donations of things from our families. Alexis gave us a load of new books, Oliver and Archie for more dressing up clothes and Reggie for some great stones and equipment for our new Quarry construction site. Thank you all.

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