



The Hayfield Herald

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that your children have enjoyed their return to school this week. The two week break in the Autumn term was a first for me but it has certainly helped as pupils and staff have returned to school re-energised and raring to go.



You may remember towards the end of last half term, one of our pupils, Amélie decided to raise money for the school by selling gourds that she had grown and then decorated. Through her kindness and generosity, she raised a wonderful £53.50 for school funds. I'm sure that you will all join me in both congratulating and thanking Amélie for her efforts.

In our school, we always encourage children to display 'courageous advocacy', which is where we stand up for what we believe in or champion a cause that is special to us. Much like Amélie above, another group of our pupils and staff, asked for the school's help in supporting #TeamSebastian and a local youngster's fight against Neuroblastoma. There are many huge worthy causes and we would love to help them all but when members of our own 'family', especially our children, take up the fight it's important that we support their efforts. In Sebastian's case, this is also a cause local to us so I thank everyone for supporting today's bright colour mufti day. At last count, the school had raised over £500 which is simply amazing. Well done to you all.

On the theme of gratitude, can I just, on behalf of all of the staff and governors, thank you for attending this week's parents' evenings. The most successful schools will always be those where the pupils, staff and parents work together as a community. Given how well attended these were, it is clear that you are heavily invested in your children's education and futures, and this is commendable. I do, unfortunately, know of schools where children are not the focus of all things and this presents huge barriers to those children before they even get started. Thankfully, that could never be said of our community and let's be unapologetic about our children first focus! We also appreciate all of the feedback that you have given us when completing the Parent Voice surveys. It would be foolish to promise that we will act on all suggestions but what we will commit to, alongside our Governing Body, is to review everything that has been said – both positive and constructive – and try to make ourselves even better.

Finally, a colleague captured these amazing photos this week. Over the lunch break, adults take a selection of books out onto the 'Stage'. The magic then really happens when, without adult direction, our older and younger children sit together and share a book. Look at the enjoyment on these faces. Just brilliant.

Have a great weekend and see you at the gates.

Mr Albert



Joy - Integrity - Fellowship

A prayer inviting God to rekindle his love in us

**Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the Saints.
Grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Amen.

Safeguarding Matters

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you're concerned about the well-being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mr Albert, Mrs Plesca, Mrs Heard, Mrs Jones, Mrs Stolz or any of our safeguarding leads. For any out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on:

0300 126 7000

or out of hours: **01604 626 938**

Dates for your diary

Odd Socks Day – **Monday 13th November**
York Teams Meeting – **Tuesday 14th November**
Badgers rearranged Parents Evening – **Wednesday 15th November**
Children in Need Mufti Day – **Friday 17th November**
Bikeability Level 1 & 2 – **Monday 20th November – Thursday 23rd November**
Y3 Stone Age Drop In – **Tuesday 21st November (after school)**
Y6 Art Gallery Trip – **Monday 4th December**
EYFS Nativity (details to follow) – **Thursday 7th December**
Rock Steady Concert (Parents) – **Monday 11th December**
Love Food Christmas Dinner (book online) – **Wednesday 13th December**
Y1 CTK Christingle Service (details to follow) – **Wednesday 13th December**
KS2 Carols by Candlelight (details to follow) – **Thursday 14th December**
Parent Coffee Morning (details to follow) – **Thursday 14th December**
Y2 Carol Concert – **Thursday 19th December**
Close for Christmas – Wednesday 20th December
School re-opens – Friday 5th January



As you know, we are always keen to share with you what is going on in school and to showcase what the children are learning. To increase the ways we do this, we have launched our very own Instagram account to share whole school awesomeness! Please follow us at:

Instagram

@Hayfield_Cross



Follow our X account: **@hayfield_cross** and

the class pages to keep up to date with what's happening....