



# The Hayfield Herald

Dear Parents & Carers

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope that you had a wonderful time over the Christmas and New Year period and were able to spend some time with loved ones.

Following our staff training day yesterday, it's been a delight seeing the children back today and school is absolutely buzzing! You'll be delighted to hear that the children have got straight back into their learning and when I've been around the school, there's been a real energy in the classrooms. It's been lovely to see.

It's also brilliant to see all of the children looking very smart. I know the children are all very proud of being part of the Hayfield Cross family and the uniform, just like a sports kit, helps develop that sense of belonging. Please continue to help us with this by keeping up your high standards and letting the office (or the TOPS team) know if there's anything we can help you with.

There's lots of exciting things going on this term and we'll keep you up to date with these in the coming weeks. We have booked a whole school visit to the pantomime next December. It would be lovely if the whole school went (including all of the adults) so we'll let you know more about that closer to the time. Some of the dates will be shared on the following pages.

Some of these exciting things are sports-based. Miss McGeechan has signed the school up for a variety of sporting events and festivals this term and I know she hopes to get as many children involved as possible. Next week we are being visited by Jordan Jarrett-Bryan, a former European Champion with the GB wheelchair-basketball team and who you may have seen commentating on sports on TV.

One final ask from me today - it would be lovely if we could get some more helpers to come forward and support the TOPS group. You are all so very generous and I have been overwhelmed with your support for charities and causes. I also know that Alice and her team have some wonderful ideas and plans, but they do need volunteers and support to bring these plans into fruition. If you can donate some time, please get in touch with them [tops@hayfieldcross.org.uk](mailto:tops@hayfieldcross.org.uk).

I know that it's going to be a great term and I'm really excited to see what our children do next! Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you at the gates!

Mr Albert

*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 go (Joshua 1:9)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship

## Dates for your diary

- Y1 History Workshop – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y5 Swimming – **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y3 Museum Trip – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**  
Y4 History dress up day – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**  
Young Voices Concert – **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**  
**HALF TERM School Closes – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**School Reopens – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
World Book Day – **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents Coffee Morning – **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Y5 Space Centre – **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**



Today, the school office has had yet more complaints from local residents about parents blocking private driveways by parking across them and by parking on the corners of junctions. We wrote to you before Christmas on several occasions about these very same issues.

Repeating ourselves, as a school, we will always do our best to support our parents and community, but our main purpose is to educate and develop your children. Whilst we are managing issues such as this and disregard for safety on the crossing by parking on the zig-zags, it is time we are not focusing on the children.

Residents have now been told to contact 101 and report the registration numbers of drivers who are inconsiderate.

## 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**