



The Hayfield Herald

Dear Parents & Carers

We have reached the end of another busy term and are now $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way through the school year! As I write, preparations are under way for this evening's discos and I know the children and staff are all very excited for these! We have also been excited by the fantastic teaching and learning going on recently and by some incredible visitors!

British Science Week

We celebrated British science week in school from the 11th March and this saw Year 5 visit the Space Centre in Leicester and also Atomic Science delivering fun and engaging science workshops to all of our pupils. Our children are really blessed to work with enthusiastic and caring staff but it's always exciting to add a little enrichment through a visit or inviting in a guest!



Northampton Saints Takeover Day

We're very proud to be an Official Community Partner of the Saints, and as part of that, this week we allowed the Saints to 'takeover' school for the day. These days see one of the club's community coaches visit the school and work with all the children on rugby related activities. You can probably imagine our excitement when our coach turned out to be England player, Daisy Hibbert-Jones. The children loved the day and we were delighted to be able to welcome such a positive female role model to inspire our children.



Easter Bonnets & Gardens

We have been really impressed with the bonnets and gardens that the children have made at home. Jo Batch from Christ The King Church had the impossible job of judging the winners but every single one was fantastic. I hope that the children had as much fun making them as we did seeing them paraded and displayed!



It's been a great term and the children (and staff) all deserve their 2 week rest now! We shall see you all on Monday 15th April. Enjoy your Easter Eggs if you are lucky enough to get them and I'll see you on the gates!

Mr Albert

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship

Sponsorship update...

You will remember in the last edition of the Herald, we were able to introduce some of our new sports kit sponsors and this time around, we're delighted to show off more of our new kits.

Generously sponsoring kits for both KS1 and Lower KS2 children, [GL Profiles](#) are a family run business and leading manufacturers of roof and wall cladding, rainwater systems and bespoke architectural fabrications.

[Elite Surfacing & Installations](#) have very kindly donated this kit to our KS1 pupils. Elite provide resin finish or block paving for driveways, paths, and patios - providing the complete service. They can also create safety surfaces using wet-pour materials.

We were really blown away by all the generosity of all of the local business and individuals who were able to sponsor kits for us. Our children are so proud when they wear them and it's our intention that every single pupil at Hayfield Cross will get the opportunity to wear them at an event. Please see below for action photos of some of our sporting superstars!



Dates for your diary

School reopens to pupils – Monday 15th April (Summer Term 1)

Parents Evening – Wednesday 17th April/Thursday 18th April

Y4 York Residential – Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th April

PROSTRIKE Event – Friday 26th April

Rock Steady Concert – Monday 29th April

EYFS West Lodge Farm trip – Tuesday 7th May

Y1 Sywell Country Park trip – Wednesday 8th May

EYFS Balance Bike Training – Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

Parent drop in session – Thursday 16th May

EYFS Nurse Screening – Wednesday 22nd May

York Parents Assembly – Thursday 23rd May

School closes – Friday 24th May

School reopens to pupils – Monday 3rd June (Summer Term 2)

The Bee Barn Project

I just wanted to tell you about [The Bee Barn Project](#) - an exciting project our Eco Club have **been** chosen to take part in. Kettering Nature Group have selected a small number of sites across Kettering to house one of their Bee Barns - a home for solitary bees to lay their eggs in. Our job is to study the nesting **bee**haviour of the bees and report our findings back to the group. We have **been** provided with some wildflower seeds to **bee** planted around school.

The Barn will **bee** placed on the wall **beehind** the vegetable patch.

I know there have **been** some concerns regarding the safety of the project. I want to alleviate these by telling you we are not introducing any more bees to the local area. We are merely providing a home for those already here. Also, male solitary bees have no sting. We currently have no known children in school with an allergy to stings. If this changes, the situation will be risk assessed accordingly.

If there are any questions, please let me know. I will be doing an assembly in the near future to let the children know all about it.



Kind regards,

Laura Hitchcock

Teaching Assistant

Eco Committee Lead (Maternity Cover)

PARKING UPDATE

We continue to discuss and monitor the parking situation with Hanwood Park. The latest update is that there are set to be some alterations to the yellow lining; introducing areas where waiting times will be permitted to 30 minutes. This will obviously increase the available parking areas ahead of the introduction of any penalty system. These are expected around mid-May whilst the Homerun collects your feedback (please do share your views) and safety assessments of routes to school are completed. Hanwood Park still reserves the right to penalise those who park dangerously, which would include parking on any zig-zags and the junction of Ayrton Close. There has been ample notice of these danger points so there really are no excuses.

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**

An Easter Prayer

Dear God,

Fill our children with joy over the miracle of Jesus' resurrection!

As they hunt for Easter eggs and celebrate new life, reveal the wonder of the empty tomb.

Help them understand that Jesus conquered sin and death so they can live forever.

Let their hearts overflow with hope and praise.

Amen.



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Instagram

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