

HAYFIELD LANE PRIMARY

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What a busy half term we have had in school and our children have really been impressing us. This year's focus for school improvement is around the further development of reading and writing skills for children. Although we have excellent outcomes in our end of year tests, with some areas well above the national picture, we continue to gain the very best for our children. Our children's ability to do this by developing creativity, critical thinking and collaboration skills continues to be at the heart of all we do, as does having an absolute 'joy of learning'.

I had the pleasure in January of holding Pupil Progress Dialogue meetings with all of the teachers so that we could ensure that every child's needs are effectively catered for, at whatever level of working they are at. This enables them to achieve their very best. It has also been a pleasure to welcome our Governors into school to examine the impact of our interventions and curriculum offer which ensures children are well supported and can shine. Our staff and governors gain regular feedback from our children so that we can be clear on the impact that our actions are having and we tailor our development points to match this. This term we have continued to work with the innovative educationalist, Hywel Roberts to immerse our children in the joy of writing. The children are buzzing about this approach. He is also working on a collaboration project with the school as part of our national work to inform government thinking around future, global educational developments. We continue to celebrate our children when we attend events as guest speakers on the development of child thought processes for learning. We are extremely proud of them.

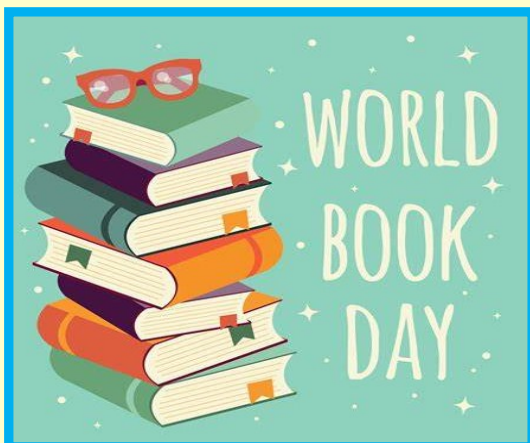
In school we have had lots of other exciting things going on. The With Me In Mind team have worked with our children to examine how they deal with worries, stress and the impact of limited sleep. It really gives our children a great opportunity to understand their emotional selves and deal with tricky situations.

Take a look at some of the other items in the newsletter.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break. Kind regards. Mrs Tempest

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 7th March we will be celebrating the joy of reading as part of WORLD BOOK DAY. On this day your child is welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not feel you have to rush out to buy costumes. Some of the best ones I have seen have been 'family-made' projects and were fabulous. If your child prefers not to dress up then they are able to come in non-uniform with their favourite book. Reading for pleasure and just relaxing with a good book is also something that we heavily promote.



YOUNG VOICES

Our children were incredible as they performed at YOUNG VOICES. Sheffield Arena was packed and the atmosphere was electric. Our children sang their hearts out and even busted some fantastic moves, as did our parents in the audience. What a fantastic experience to have! Huge thanks to Mrs Brooks for arranging the event and to all the staff and helpers who made the experience a wonderful one.



ACTIVE GOVERNING BODY

So far this term our governors have been in school to examine SEND pupil progress and provision, Maths progress against targets and strategic planning, English intervention group impacts and the use of Skills Hub and The 3 C's (Creativity, Collaboration and Critical Thinking) developments across the curriculum. Governors work very hard behind the scenes, giving strong accountability and challenge to school leaders and we are really grateful for this.

They have been so impressed by all of our wonderful children. Pupil voice is an important aspect of all we do at Hayfield Lane. The Governing Body will be further developing parental voice this year to examine parents responses to school improvement priorities.

Recently we have gained a member to the Governing Body. Stuart Foster is new to our board however has an extensive background working in Further Education for many years. To see the expertise that the Governing Body bring to Hayfield Lane, please examine their pen portraits on the website



EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

We have some EGG-cellent items to look forward to next half term. On 28th Mar it will be very busy in school as we have our annual decorated egg competition. There will be tables set out for each class and children need to place their decorated egg on the correct table before school starts at 8:55. There are some super prizes to be won. There is also a parents/ adult category so get creative!

Also on this day we will be holding our MOTHER'S DAY POT PAINTING CAFÉ session. See the individual letter (after half term) for further details. Session times will be 9:20-10:10 for Y 1, 2 and 3 and 10:30-11:20 for Y 4, 5 and 6. This is a ticket only event.

On the afternoon of the 28th we will be holding our EGG ROLLING competition and we invite our parents from 1:30, to watch their children take part in this annual, school tradition. EYFS and Y1 and 2 will start at 1:30, Y3 upwards will start at 2:10. This is weather permitting. Children will need to bring a hard boiled egg, with their name on it, to take part.



DIARY DATES

14th Feb SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

24th Feb SCHOOL REOPENS

6th Mar Y4 Egyptians school visit

7th Mar Planetarium visit

11th Mar With Me In Mind assembly and Y6 session

19th and 20th Mar PARENTS EVENING

26th Mar Boggledy Book Fayre

27th Mar EASTER DISCO and MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

28th Mar DECORATED EGG COMPETITION AND EGG ROLLING.

28th Mar MOTHER'S DAY EVENT (am in the upper hall)

28th Mar SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER

SAFEGUARDING IN THE HOLIDAYS

If you need urgent safeguarding support this holiday, please call the police and make a referral to social services. Also email the head on the emergency email address: head@hayfieldlane.co.uk. Please remember that **this direct email address should never be used for queries to the Head**. The Head teacher does not deal with classroom matters other than having oversight of specific cases in school.

General queries or arranging appointments with any staff (including the Head teacher) should come directly via the main office contact routes (phone or email), not the Head teacher's direct contact channel.

INTERNET SAFETY

On Thursday, our children took part in an INTERNET SAFETY session with South Yorkshire Police. Although we have a structured curriculum offer to deliver safety messages so that our children are well informed on how to stay safe, we also work with many agencies to deliver this crucial information. INTERNET MATTERS is great for parents and carers as it provides information from online experts and gives up-to-date advice and support. Items include support on setting up devices for safety, tackling online issues, understanding the dangers of specific apps. See this link for further information:

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters](#)

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