

HAYFIELD LANE PRIMARY



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What a fantastic first half term our children have had. They have worked incredibly hard at improving their Maths factual fluency and timed responses in reading comprehension sessions. Well done everyone!

There has been a distinct change in the weather and we are enjoying the wonderful autumnal themed events in school. Take a look below. The costumes at the Halloween disco were amazing and a great time was had by all. Friends of Hayfield Lane did an incredible job and raised over £1500 to purchase new books for school. We thank all of our families for supporting the event and a special shout out to Mr Fuller who was our **OUTSTANDING DJ AND ENTERTAINMENT LEADER**. Please note that Halloween film night for KS2 will now be **HOCUS POCUS 1**. Younger children will still be watching Hotel Transylvania.

I also have some sad news to share with you. At Christmas, Mrs John Lewis (our Deputy Head), will be leaving the school to work full time for the Maths Hub and as part of an academy trust, working on strategic school improvement. Although we have known about this for some time, we are really going to miss her as she has been an amazing asset to the school for ten years, leading the school to the successful position that it is now in. Having joined Hayfield Lane at the same time as Mrs John Lewis, working closely together, I will personally miss her immensely but wish her all the very best in her new ventures. As a school we will not be appointing for a new deputy head due to the national education funding crisis.

I wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you again on 30th October.

Kind regards, Mrs Tempest

SPOOKY FUN

What an amazing time our children had on Wednesday night thanks to the hard work of our incredible **FRIENDS OF HAYFIELD LANE**. Look at some of the fantastic costumes.



ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

Year 3 are LOVING their new novel 'ROBIN HOOD'. They launched this by becoming 'MERRY MEN AND WOMEN' and enjoying a Forest School session, making bows and arrows and then tried their hand at ARCHERY. It was very tricky! A few weeks later, as part of their geography link they went into the local area to conduct fieldwork, locating a new and suitable settlement for the Merry Band. They refined their mapping skills by producing their own ordinance survey maps.



Great fun was had with excellent learning at the heart of it. That is the type of multi disciplinary learning that we like, where all learning connects and allows children to make a real-life sense of curriculum subjects.

DIARY DATES

20th Oct SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
23rd-28th Oct HALF TERM BREAK
30th Oct HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT
31st Oct CRAZY CRYPT POTTERY PAINTING CAFÉ (Y1-6)
9th Nov Y6 Captivating Creatures
14th Nov Y5 HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOURS
16th Nov Reception for 2024 meeting 5:00
17th Nov Children In Need (Non Uniform £1 donation)
17th Nov Y4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
30th Nov FOHL Christmas Fayre
13th 14th Dec KS1 NATIVITY
15th Dec Reception NATIVITY
18th Dec Reception and Y6 heights and weights (school nurse)
19th Dec Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day
21st Dec Christmas parties and film (Party Clothes)
21st Dec SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS

OUR AMAZING CHILDREN

At Hayfield Lane Primary we prioritise the value of being an active citizen, making a difference in our community. Ellamae is a fantastic example of this. Recently she has raised an incredible £800 by exercising for nearly half an hour every day for a month.

This incredible funding raising will make such a difference to EVES MERTON'S DREAMS TRUST, who raise money for those suffering from leukaemia.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ELLAMAE!



AMAZING ARCTIC EXPLORATION

As part of Y4s novel study this term, they are studying the award-winning novel 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. The text is based on an island known as Bear Island, which forms part of the Svalbard archipelago in the Arctic Circle and we were fortunate enough to be able to take part in a virtual visit to this location on **Wednesday 11th October**.

The day was jammed packed with various activities and was fully interactive allowing the children to ask questions, contribute their ideas and feedback their thoughts. Part of the morning involved looking at the impact of climate change and our carbon footprint on the archipelago and ways this is impacting on the lives of the people living there.

During the day, they also took part in an igloo challenge against other schools nationwide. Images of the children's igloos will be sent to the Wicked Weather Watch team and displayed on their website. Then over the course of this week, adults are invited to vote for their favourite igloo, with the winning team receiving a goody bag. In the afternoon, they had the opportunity to meet and hear from a real life explorer called Nanu who answered some of their questions.

Another way in which we bring learning to life, demonstrating the worldwide opportunities available to our children and the impact that we all have on the environment.



YEAR 4 IGLOO CHALLENGE

