

7TH MAY 2021 SUMMER 2



THE HALE HERALD



THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and carers

Over the last fortnight the whole school has been captivated with our live egg hatching project. In the first week all the chicks hatched and have since been well cared for by the children and staff. The chicks went home with one of our families for the long weekend before returning to school much bigger than when they left! The chicks have been collected today to be rehomed at a farm with lots of outdoor space for them to continue to grow.

The new school website is now live. We now have the ability to update the information ourselves allowing it to be more up to date and useful to parents.

We continue to be very grateful to the wider Hale community who are still donating plants, equipment and time to help us with our Forest School. Thank you to all who have been involved and also to those who have sponsored a tree!

As we move towards further restrictions lifting we have started to tentatively plan a whole school trip out to Tatton Park for a picnic to celebrate the end of the school year. Further details will follow as our plans come together!



Mrs Fenton and Mr Williams

Over recent months we have made a number of key changes to our approach to reading. Classrooms now have a range of high quality books available to the children, reading books have been updated, reading plus is now used throughout Key stage 2 and staff are now delivering whole class shared reading sessions based on high quality texts. These changes have already begun to have a positive influence on the children's ability to read and enjoyment of it.

These positive changes however have meant that the Reading through the Rainbow reward scheme is no longer manageable. Staff have highlighted those children that have reached 200 and they will be the last ones to receive the book token reward. For the remainder of the term staff will select a Reader of the Week.





STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception

Dominic and Archie

Year 1

Phoebe and Alexi

Year 2

Emeila R and Eleanor R

Year 3

Ella and Amelia

Year 4

Jessica B & Jacob

Year 5

Ilana and Faye

Year 6

Pheobe and Alysia

Well done!

Star Writers

Our Star Writers have had their work displayed on the board in the hall - please check our Twitter feed to see their work.



Healthy Snacks

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them each day and that it only contains water.

Children should only bring in a healthy snack for morning playtime, they are not allowed crisps, biscuits or chocolate bars. Children who do bring these items in will be asked to take them home and be offered fruit instead.

Packed lunches should not contain sweets or chocolate again we will ask the children to take these items home to eat.



We have had a lovely week in **Reception** exploring our beautiful areas of learning and resources. We have been focussing on applying phonics to writing and exploring 2d shapes in maths lessons. Check out what we've been up to on Twitter!

The children in **Year 1** have done a great job of subtracting within 20 this week and writing letters and party interventions. They also had a great time in forest school working together and scattering wildflowers.

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Florence Nightingale this week and were able to ask her questions about her life in the past.

We have been busy comparing hospitals in Victorian times to modern hospitals and recognising why Florence was such a significant character. We have been testing our reasoning skills in maths, investigating the different ways in which multiplication can be presented

Maths this week, **Year 3** have been working on developing our understanding of fractions in terms of parts and the whole and have begun learning about unit fractions.

The children have loved coming into the classroom every morning to check on their seedlings, watering them and measuring how much they have grown. We are looking forward to seeing results from the ones in our science investigation: Will spinach grow in soapy water? in Vimto? in the dark and in the fridge?

We have also loved seeing the tiny chicks rapidly growing and changing.

We've had a fantastic week in **Year 4**. The children have had fun learning about equivalent fractions and some of the children even helped me teach the lesson! The children have enjoyed watching the chicks grow and were sad to say goodbye.

Enjoy your weekend **Year 4!**

This week, in Maths, **Year 5** have continued their work on fractions and we are now able to compare fractions with different denominators. In English, the children have tried out writing in both formal and informal styles producing letters and diaries. Our class book, *The Last Wild* continues to keep us gripped with the children being left wanting more after each chapter!

Well done Year 6 for making it through a pretty challenging week of testing! You have all worked so hard and remained focused throughout. You can have a relaxed weekend now and all look forward to getting back to our underwater adventures and completing our decimals unit next week.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Today you should have received your child's pre parent/teacher meeting report card. This should provide useful information before your telephone call with your child's teacher.

Please remember that children's progress does not develop evenly and Covid 19 disruption is likely to have had an impact. Please take this into consideration when reading the report.