



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

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**\*\*\*Outdoor Classroom\*\*\* EXCITING NEWS!!!**

As you will know, this time last year Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School community set off to 'Follow the Star' and 'walk' to Bethlehem in time for Christmas. This project was hugely successful in so many ways, helping to bring our community together and lifting our spirits at a challenging time whilst raising, alongside the PSA, a staggering £12,000! As we have been exploring ways to raise the remainder of the funds and complete the project we have been fortunate enough to have been offered some alternative options at minimal costs. This is very exciting, because it means, with your support we should be able to have some extra space available to the children fairly quickly. See the images below! **Please read on to find out how you can help make this a reality...builders, planning or groundworks experts, crantage /haulage companies and all round 'person power' is needed next!**

The buildings have been offered to us by BRE, a research company based in Watford, who test construction materials and showcase buildings demonstrating innovative and or sustainable construction.



The first building is a Humanitarian Shelter that was set up by BRE in partnership with charity Catholic Relief Services (CRS). It demonstrates the materials and techniques that can be used to create an effective emergency shelter and is 6.8m x 4.7m. The building can be flat packed and once assembled it is 6.8m x 4.7m externally and the main room is 5.3m x 3.2m. I am sure you will agree that this is a great, very useable, multipurpose and attractive building which could potentially be used for Forest School, at playtimes and to support outdoor learning. It even has electric lights! **We are looking for willing volunteers with or without expertise to help us dismantle, transport and re-set this shelter in our school grounds. Please get in touch if you are able to help. We would love to hear from you!**



The second is a much larger modular building, a 'posh portakabin', complete with electric lights and sockets, which will need to be transported whole and set up. At the moment, I am not sure of exact measurements but it is approximately 14m by 5m and about 4.5m tall. Planning advice will need to be taken, but it could provide a fantastic additional teaching space with all sorts of potential!

**If you or anyone you know are able to support with gaining planning, moving large buildings (haulage company?), help with ground works, are a builder/ building enthusiast willing to dismantle, transport and rebuild the shelter or just provide some manpower to support this – I would be so pleased to hear from you.**

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Wright for his creativity and time in planning the original project, which may still happen in some form in the future.

Kind regards

Mrs Rosie Phillips

Headteacher