

## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

# OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING - PEACE - HONESTY - RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK

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'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 13:34

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**Dear Parents** 

This half term's value is **Peace** 

#### Autumn Term Newsletter No. 6

What a busy last couple of weeks of term we have had. The whole school are currently watching the panto in the school hall. It looks and sounds great fun! Father Christmas made a cheery visit to each class last week delivering class gifts.

## **KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service**

Well done to our youngest pupils for a delightful performance of 'Hey Ewe' the curious sheep who led us all to the nativity scene. For some of these children it was their first time performing to an audience and I think they did incredibly well. The singing was superb too! What a lovely carol service we had this year in Broadway Baptist Church. It was nice to visit a different church this year and many parents commented that it was nice to be able to see the children up in the choir stalls. The retiring collection came to £193 and will be sent to Chesham Foodbank.

#### Kitchen

Huge thanks to Samuel and Roman's mums, who gave our main kitchen a marvellous thorough clean.

#### **Furniture**

Many thanks to Mrs Nash and Mr Young for collecting the furniture from Chenies School, which had kindly been given to our school. Thanks Chenies!

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

We had a very Christmassy looking Friday with everyone dressed in their fabulous Christmas jumpers. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring in £1. We raised £133 for 'Save the Children'. If you forgot to send in £1 you still have time to bring it to the office!

## Birthday gifts

I am aware that some children have started to bring sweets in to share when it is their birthday. As we try to be a healthy school we do ask that children do not do this please. Instead if they would like to make a gift to their class we ask that a favourite book be given which can then to be added to the class collection or library. This would be much appreciated and enjoyed by all for years to come. We would be very happy if you would like to add a label inside the book with your child's message and saying who it has been donated by. We have found that children really enjoy reading these labels and finding the book they donated to share with others. Thank you for your support with this.

# School Quiz - general knowledge challenge

Yesterday Mrs Hughes and the school council led a whole school children's general knowledge quiz. With categories from literacy to politics and history, the children worked in family teams to mull over their answers. Questions ranged from 'Who did Giuseppe carve from wood?' to 'What colour are British motorways on a map?' It was a tight run quiz and a tie breaker was necessary at the end. The winning team will be eating pizza for their lunch today!

We would like to help build the children's general knowledge and hope to make these quizzes a regular event. Any opportunities that you have over Christmas and in the New Year to play quiz type games, talk about current affairs or the like will all help!

# The Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme

In the New Year we will be taking part in this scheme in order to raise additional funds to update and replace the school's interactive whiteboards and computers. To take part we simply need to fill a Happy School bag (provided) with unwanted but clean clothing. Clothes including paired shoes, accessories (hats, belts, handbags, etc...), soft toys and bed linen are accepted. Please look out for the information letter in January!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a fun festive break and I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

Kind regards Mrs R Phillips Headteacher