

NEWSLETTER

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

19th November 2021

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the Second hand Book Sale this afternoon. Our School Council were thrilled with the amount of books donated and are so looking forward to transforming their outdoor reading area with their new reading shed.

Stalls

- Food & drinks
- Christmas crafts
- Games
- Facepaint
- Hair glitter and braids,
- Christmas trail and snow globe
- Sweets Jar tombola
- Bottle tombola

Only one week now until our very first outdoor

Christmas Market

Saturday, 27th November
1pm – 4pm



Donations

There will be boxes outside the office and gate to the alleyway, from Monday, 22nd November, to leave your donations, such as sweet jars and bottles.

Cake donations should be brought in on Friday, 26th November

Remembrance Wreath

I'm sure you will agree that the wreath made by Hawridge and Cholesbury children looks absolutely beautiful. It was presented to St Mary's Church in Hawridge at their remembrance service on Sunday. The special book of WWII memories is displayed in our school foyer. We held a school service, led by Reverend Haywood, which was very poignant and moving when one of our Y5 boys played The Last Post on his trumpet.



Competition

The House captains created and launched a Christmas quiz today. There are 10 questions, with a colouring sheet for any tie-breakers. The Quiz and colouring sheet was given to each class for those children who would like to take part. The closing date is Friday 26th November and the winners will be announced in the celebration assembly on Monday 29th November. Good Luck!

KS2 Carol Service

Please remember to return your permission / attendance slips.



Children in Need

It was wonderful to see all the children coming into school dressed in spots and so full of enthusiasm for their ramble around our school grounds. Honey Pots had an exciting ramble by going through the willow tunnel – always a favourite with our younger classes! Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for this worthy cause. Together we can make a difference.



Covid-19

As we approach the festive season, I am extra mindful of the risks of infections spreading and the potential for families to be ill or another Christmas needing to be severely restricted. As I write, we have very few cases in school and we are doing what we can to balance preventing this from increasing without restricting important experiences for the children. We are also mindful of trying to protect forthcoming Christmas events, such as the nativity, the Carol service and the pantomime etc. With that in mind, the majority of our assemblies have now gone back to being online or in key stages.

Buckinghamshire Council have asked us to remind parents that anyone with any of the three Covid-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test. No one should be in school with symptoms whilst they wait for a PCR result. In order to identify asymptomatic cases staff carry out twice weekly Lateral Flow tests. Although this is not officially recommended for primary school age children it can be equally effective for younger children too, and parents can choose to do this at their discretion. Tests can be accessed through gov.uk or a local pharmacy. Bucks have also asked us to encourage you to get vaccinated against Covid-19. If you haven't done so already, it's not too late! See [here](#) for more information.

In the meantime let's keep the ventilation high with the windows open and lots of hand washing! Please note attached an information sheet from Buckinghamshire Council.

This week's music 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars was chosen by Mr Jackson who talked to us about how in a team we all rely on each other.

The fantastic team work in our school is highly evident in the various sports events which have taken place recently.

I was so proud to see how our children, unprompted 'clapped in' every child on the cross country with just as much enthusiasm for those that came in at the beginning as those that came in towards the end. This is another example of how our children are 'living life in abundance' and becoming rounded individuals.



FRESH Curriculum

Please check your class homepage on eSchools to watch our curriculum FRESH assembly which took place online last Friday. This is an opportunity for you to hear more about our school vision and to listen to each class tell you about their curriculum opportunities this term and how the experiences have helped them to be 'FRESH'.

We hope the recording will ultimately be added to our school website for visitors to see but wanted to give you a preview before this happens.



**Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'
John Chapter 13, verse 34**

Finally, enjoy your weekend and please remember to have a look for gifts suitable for the special Children's Room at the Christmas Market, as well as bottle and sweet jars for the tombolas. Only a week to go before a fun-filled Saturday!