



## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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### 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, Carers and Families

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

#### Summer Term Newsletter No. 8

I can barely believe it's nearly the end of the school year. What an unusual summer term it has been with lockdown, but I am so proud of how our teachers, pupils and parents have coped in such trying times. I am so looking forward to seeing all our classes return to school for the last week and hope they benefit from just a short time in school, seeing their peers in person and having a little bit of 'normal' before the summer holidays.

#### Battle of the Books – Please return the books

Please could all the 'Battle of the Books' books be returned to school before the end of term. At the moment we have only had **10** of the 60 books returned to us!!! The school invests a significant amount of money in this wonderful initiative and we are keen to support families by loaning books, but we cannot afford for the books not to be returned.

#### Last Week of Term

Please send your child in with a named plastic bag as we will be sending their books home with them.

#### News from the classes...

Last week Little Peppers were busy investigating biomes - areas of our planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants - for their science lesson. They were given the freedom to present their project using a medium of their choice and produced some incredibly creative work. They made amazing 3D models using a variety of materials, designed colourful posters, created Lego ecosystems, became presenters in their own wildlife videos and many more wonderful projects.

We were also delighted that a member of our class (Emily) has earned her very first Blue Peter badge - the music badge for her violin playing. This is not only an amazing achievement, but also gets her into numerous UK attractions for free until she is 15! Blue Peter are currently running their 'Six badges of Summer' campaign to encourage children to apply for a badge including the new sport badge. We would love to see more Little Peppers earning their first badge, so why not head to the Blue Peter website to find out more.

#### Strings Mini Concert

Next week children who usually have violin lessons in school are holding a 'Strings Mini Concert'. Although school has been closed, lessons have still been taught via the power of Zoom and have proved to be most enjoyable and a great success. The concert is an informal chance for everyone to catch up and show off what they've been working on since lockdown. Other family members are encouraged to join them in the room as an audience, to give it more of a concert atmosphere. We are so proud of our musicians and wish we could all see the concert. Good luck everyone!

## **Music Lessons**

We have many musical children in our school and quite a few of them have instrument lessons in school, which are taught by peripatetic teachers who come in from the Amersham Music Centre. If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument at school please look at the Buckinghamshire Music Trust (BMT) website (<https://www.bucksmusic.org/>) where you are able to book and pay for lessons directly. A letter from BMT is also attached to this newsletter. Before the lockdown we had teachers come into school and teach the violin, viola, trumpet, flute and clarinet and I know there are many more instruments available. Children do need their own instrument, but these are available to hire from BMT or our local Chesham music shops.

## **Welcome and Farewell to...**

As we move towards the end of a rather unusual year at Hawridge & Cholesbury C of E School I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for their dedication, kindness and hard work. The end of the year brings with it some staff changes.

In September we will be welcoming new staff.

Miss Kirsty Macmillan, who comes with an abundance of knowledge of KS1 and Early Years and Mrs Jemma Whitby, who has worked in the upper end of schools and is a very experienced teacher. Both new teachers are looking forward to meeting their new classes and starting work at Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some staff too.

Mrs Montesinos (Y1) is leaving us and is relocating to Wales. She has been a wonderfully enthusiastic teacher and her creativity has really shone out in the school. Year 1 have had some fabulous artwork in the classroom and around the school. Paddington was a great hit!

Mr Harris (Y2) will be missed by everyone. He has been such a friendly member of staff, very understanding with all the children, as well as a great advocate of sports in the school. He has now completed his training year with Hawridge & Cholesbury and is looking forward to teaching his own class in his next school.

Miss James (Y6) has become a great member of H&C staff during her gap year. She has a very exciting time ahead of her when she goes to University in September to study Human Biosciences. We know that she'll get on brilliantly and have a super first term!

## **Who is teaching which class in September?**

Reception - Mrs Wale and Miss Jeanes (trainee teacher)

Year 1 - Miss Macmillan

Year 2 - Mrs Gale

Year 3 - Mrs White

Year 4 - Mrs Ghaffar

Year 5 - Mrs Walker

Year 6 - Mrs Kretschmer and Mrs Whitby

All years - Mrs Morris will be providing additional teaching/PPA and booster groups

Senco – Mrs Davey and Mrs Woodward

## **This Week's music ...**

This week's music has been chosen by Mrs Kretschmer. It is "We are not alone", an Emeli Sandé cover and can be found on this YouTube link. [https://youtube/\\_30vS1SvblA](https://youtube/_30vS1SvblA) It was part of the English homework for year 5, who were looking at who might have inspired them during lockdown

Finally, a few parents have contacted the office to ask if they can drop off presents for teachers. This is no problem, but we ask that presents are put on the table outside the office and are well-labelled. They will then be transferred to the hall and will be collected by the relevant teacher.

Have a good last week of term everyone. Let's hope the sun shines.

Kind regards

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