



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

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

We just love this term at Hawridge & Cholesbury. So full of music and excitement for the upcoming EYFS/KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service. The singing practices sound amazing and who knew how many budding actors we have in a younger years! It looks like it's going to be another wonderful start to Christmas. Nativity ticket request forms have been emailed out today!



### Christmas Fair

Fun & Games  
Cakes  
Hot Drinks  
Mince Pies

**Friday  
15th  
December**

**3pm to 4.15pm**  
Raising crucial funds  
for our school

### Netball



The sport for this term's Chiltern League is netball. Our team are doing so well both in their practices on a Tuesday after school and their Thursday matches.

Welcome to  
Mrs Hilsdon  
who joins us  
as an LSA  
in Y3

### University Challenge



Last week we took part in the first-ever Chiltern League University Challenge at Waterside Primary School. Our pupils had great fun, represented our school marvellously and even managed to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to Emily, Oliver, Megan T, Elias, Matthew and Finlay.

### Clothing Collection



A brilliant result this month. Thank you so much for all your wonderful sorting out. We raised £114 to spend on new headphones for our wonderful ICT suite. A good fundraiser for a very worthy cause. The next one is 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.




### KS2 Carol Service

Just a reminder to please return permission slips. It was a lovely carol service last year and we look forward to all our KS2 children attending again this year. All Christmas Fund contributions can be paid via SchoolMoney as always and are gratefully received. Thank you.



### Driving and Parking

Unfortunately we have more reminders about driving and parking courteously outside our school.

-  Please **do not reverse into the school drive** to change direction. Staff and delivery vans need to be able to enter/exit there safely at all times, but much more importantly, children are crossing the end of the drive to come into/out of school.
-  Please refrain from parking double parking on the road outside, even for a couple of minutes, even if it is very busy and you are running late. It is not safe for pedestrians or drivers.
-  The **staff car park is only for staff and those with blue badges** or special permission from Mrs Phillips. The carpark should not be used to drop off for morning clubs (Phonics, Nussy, Gym or Multisports) or to collect from after school clubs (Art, Football).

### Reverse Advent Hampers

We are once again collecting to make some super hampers for our local care homes. A letter has been sent out explaining all. Please keep an eye open for the slip your child brings home with the date for their donation.

### A few December dates for your diary!

7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - Christmas Jumper Day  
8<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - School Disco (more info to follow)  
11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon-Wed) EYFS/KS1 Nativity  
14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - KS2 Carol Service  
15<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Christmas Fair





### Parent Questionnaire

The governors of Hawridge & Cholesbury Church of England School are committed to continual learning and improvement. We would really value feedback on your experience of being part of the Hawridge & Cholesbury School Community. Please click on the link [here](#) to complete a parent questionnaire.

We would love to receive feedback from every family in our school community, if you could do this by Friday 1st December, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Legacy Project

As you know we are celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June 2024 and would love some parental help to work on a 'legacy project'. Do we have any landscape designers in our community? Please get in touch if you can help us or if you have any great ideas to add to the mix.

Email [anniversary@hcschool.uk](mailto:anniversary@hcschool.uk) if you are able to help. Thank you



This week there have been some amazing sunrises and skies. Here is one I saw on my journey in to school. In Collective Worship, Mrs Davey talked about peace and the place that silence and nature play in helping us find our own peace especially as we lead into the busy festive season. Some years ago I visited a busy, European city with a turbulent past which offered a 'Silence Room' right in the hub of the main tourist attractions. It was a sanctuary where people from all over the world, of all ages, abilities and characteristics took time to reflect and find peace. Over the coming weeks, I hope you and your families are able to find some moments of silence and peace, whether it is a quiet room or outside absorbing the beauty of the natural world around us.

**"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust shall be your strength."  
Isaiah 30:15**

The Hebrew word here translated as "quiet" not only carries the sense of inner silence, but inner peace as well.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Stirling family for donating another Christmas tree to our school this year. It is most appreciated. If you would like to buy a tree for your home, they can be found along The Vale between school and Chesham.

