



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. 5

As I start to write this year 1 are returning from their Multi Skills Morning at Chiltern Hills Academy. Mrs Wheeler was very proud of her class who behaved impeccably. The children particularly enjoyed the skateboarding, hula hooping and javelin and said the day was (and I quote) 'stunning', brilliant', and 'full of fun'. Well done Honey Pots!

Camarilla Ensemble Concert – Wednesday, 9th November 2016

I really enjoyed the concert given by the fabulous Wind Quintet 'Camarilla Ensemble' on Wednesday evening. Thank you to Mrs Watson, Mr Strevens and their associates for giving their time free of charge to raise money for our new playground. A marvellous £335 was raised, so thank you to everyone who supported them.

School grounds update and Prayer Garden

The school grounds committee are continuing to work hard on our plans for developing the school grounds. Bids are currently being submitted and fundraising is now underway. We have already raised over £900 from our three Film nights so far and the Camarilla Ensemble concert. First draft plans have now been received and will soon be on display in the school entrance area and on the school website.

The School Council are very excited about taking on the project of planning and creating our Prayer Garden/ Tree Cathedral. They are currently collecting ideas from their class mates and will be sending more information out shortly.

School Bible Verses

As a school we have decided to teach the children some key verses from the Bible linked to our school values. We have also adopted a whole school verse, which Reception will focus on in particular. The whole school verse is 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 13:34 and the class verses will be sent out in the next couple of days.

Friendship Week – 14th November 2016

During the week the children will be celebrating their friendships, considering what being a good friend means and how to manage when friendship goes wrong. This will include 'online friendships' and e-safety. All children will have brought home a 'bunting section' to decorate with words/pictures about a friend at school. We plan to thread them together and display them in the school hall as a reminder of the community of friendship we hold at Hawridge & Cholesbury C of E School. Thank you in advance to all the staff and in particular Mrs Ghaffar (PHSCE Coordinator) for planning the week's special events.

Open Morning: Thursday 17th November from 9.15am to 10.15am.

The school has one more Open Morning arranged for prospective parents. Please pass on the date to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

Chesham Carnival

We are delighted to confirm that the Schools of Chesham Carnival raised £627.08 for our school following a successful float and carnival in June this year. Plans are well underway for the next Carnival which will be held on Saturday, 10th June 2017.

Sally Hills is currently our school representative for the Town Committee but there will be a need for one or two parents/carers to take over this role once her daughter leaves the school in July next year. The role of Carnival Rep involves the attendance of monthly meetings with the other school representatives in Chesham and ensuring that our deployment is carried out efficiently. The role will also involve the overseeing of the sale of raffle tickets for the carnival as well as the organisation of the school float (with a team of helpers) for the Carnival itself.

The school cannot take part in the Carnival without a suitable representative.

Sally will be remaining on the Town Committee in any event to assist in marketing. Please contact the office/Sally if you would be interested in this role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sally for representing our school over the past few years and her enthusiasm. She will be missed!

Children in Need – Wear Spots, Bring £1

Just a reminder that Friday, 18th November is Children in Need and children are invited to bring £1 donation (for Children in Need) and wear spots. Please do not think you need to go out and buy anything. A couple of cut out paper circles sellotaped onto a sweatshirt is a fun thing to do with your child! Buckets will be at drop off points for the collection of the £1 donations.

Christmas Bazaar

It's great to see the 'I can help with the Christmas Bazaar' forms start to come into school. It's always a fun day out for children, parents and other relatives and friends who visit us (and Father Christmas). Just an hour on the day would be a big help to your PSA, so please continue to send in those helper forms at the beginning of this Season of Goodwill.

Maths Mastery Workshop for Parents – Friday, 4th November 2016 8.30am – 9.30am

A fantastic turnout for this workshop. All the information spoken about will soon be on our website and if there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Growth Mindset Parent Forum – Friday, 25th November 8.30am - 9.30am

I'm hoping for another fabulous turnout!

Rucksacks

Thank you to parents who have heeded my request to leave rucksacks at home and thank you to parents who have sent in constructive comments regarding the cloakroom space in the school and the transportation of kit to and from school. We are seriously considering everything and are currently looking at a variety of different options. In the mean time I hope that parents and children will support this request.

Letters / Money / Forms etc..

Please send reply slips which also involve money into school in an envelope with your child's name on and/or the activity to which the payment and form applies. The envelope does not have to be new, it can be a recycled one from home. The post box in the foyer outside the office to the left hand side of the hatch can be used for all envelopes containing money and reply slips. It is emptied every day.

Children's Christmas Cards

Every year we have a post box in school into which children can post Christmas cards for their peers and teachers. The envelopes MUST have the recipient's name and CLASS on it please, so that the Y6 children who deliver the cards every day can easily sort them into classes. The post box will be put out on Monday 5th December and removed on Friday 16th December. Please do not send in any Christmas card before or after these dates. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher