



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, Carers and Families

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

Summer Term Newsletter No. 3

I hope you have all had a good long weekend and enjoyed the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It was amazing to see all the creative ways people managed to mark the occasion. I spent some time looking up in the sky to try and spot the flight past but no luck!

Lockdown Next Steps – The Prime Minister's Speech

I listened to the Prime Minister's speech last night and, like you, have been left with lots of unanswered questions. Schools receive no prior warning of the content of the government's messages and we are seeking clarification on several points in order to make a plan for a safe phased return to school.

At the moment there is no change to the guidance for schools. We will provide care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay with people in your own household. Thank you for your support maintaining this. I will keep you updated as I receive more information and when it is possible to put a more detailed plan in place.

Website Resources

We hope you are finding the resources on the school website beneficial. I wanted to draw your attention to two wellbeing resources from a programme we use in school called ELSA. It is not too late to join the 'May Challenge'

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/elsa-support-may-wellbeing-calendar/>

There is also a poster which might be of interest.

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/family-of-2020-giant-colouring-poster/>

E-Safety Activities

We are all spending a lot more time using online materials and it is therefore especially important that the children have good understanding of e-safety. Please spend some time with your child looking at the following website and discussing with them how to keep safe. It is a sad fact that this time makes us all more vulnerable to cybercrime and unwanted online attention.

www.Thinkuknow.co.uk

Great Work!

I continue to see some great work happening during this period of school closure. Some children in Year 3 have been busy creating thank you posters for the NHS and I know Mrs Gale was delighted to receive a video with an Easter cross and message on it. I have heard reports of siblings supporting each other by reading to each other or learning a song together. Well done. Sometimes it is hard being locked down together for all this time, but it is an opportunity to spend some really good community time together, supporting each other and building a special bond to last. I am very proud of you all.

This Week's Music ...

I hope to be able to make another video for you shortly, but in the meantime, I have a piece of music for you to enjoy. With all the VE celebrations and the reference made in the Queen's speech, it has to be Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again', this time sung by Katherine Jenkins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKSc8BLXAJ8>

Please also have a look at this BBC link, which explains the story behind the song, comments from Vera Lynn herself and thoughts about how it links with the current situation. As we all listen to the same piece of music, it is comforting to think that during this time of enforced separation 'music brings us all together' in a 'sort of rendezvous'. I hope you enjoy it.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-52580203/ve-day-the-story-behind-vera-lynn-s-we-ll-meet-again>

I wish you all a good week and look forward to being able to update you again before too long.

Kind regards

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Headteacher