



## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents

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

#### **Summer Term Newsletter No. 3**

As I write this newsletter we are still all enjoying our Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. It was lovely to see so many parents. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating all the children who are a credit to you all. A big thank you to our School Orchestra and Choir, our instrument soloists and, of course, our Maypole, Scottish and Morris Dancers. They were all brilliant!

#### **Huge Thank you**

To all the parents who came at 11am and helped set up the tables and clear away after our street party lunch and serve the tea and coffee.

#### **Special Welcome to ...**

Harry Cornish, who has settled into Cherry Platts exceptionally well.

#### **Handwriting**

It's time for another big push on handwriting, so we are running a competition in school for Y2 upwards from now until the end of half term. Each class has a simple tick sheet and every time each child does a piece of fantastic joined up handwriting they will receive a tick on their chart. If they collect 10 ticks from 10 different pieces of written work then they will be invited to take part in a pizza picnic on the field on the last day of half term.

#### **Spring Fayre Competitions**

The PSA are running a couple of competitions. The first is a photography competition for which photos need to be entered by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May; the second is a cake making competition for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Cakes should be brought in either Friday 20<sup>th</sup> or Saturday morning to be judged at the Spring Fayre. Good Luck everyone! An email was sent out today with all this information and the entry forms.

#### **Spring Fayre Update**

Please keep your eye open for email and text reminders regarding the Spring Fayre. Cake plates will be coming home next week and raffle tickets are in book bags today. Any further offers of help would be gratefully accepted!

#### **Chicks in Little Peppers**

The four chicks that hatched two weeks ago are flourishing and we are amazed at their growth rate. There is a definite pecking order being displayed but we are yet to work out who is head chick! The children handle the chicks almost on a daily basis which they love. The stimulus it has provided both through discussion and more formal learning has been invaluable. The children even instigated the conversation about 'which came first, the chicken or the egg?' We are still debating this one!

**Parent Governor**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Jane Spicer has been elected unopposed as our latest Parent Governor. We are very much looking forward to working with her. We still have vacancies for Foundation Governors if anyone is interested.

**Story Start**

We are planning to run 'Story Start' after half term, but would need some parent volunteers to help us out. If you are able/would like to come into school at 8.15am one morning and read a story to children (a member of staff will also be there) please could you let the office know. If we get enough initial offers of help we will send a letter out with further information. Thank you to Mrs Lomas who has already offered her help.

**Plant Sale**

Just a reminder about the plant sale after school on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Parents coming into School**

Please note that parents should not be coming into school in the mornings (apart from Read-ins on Friday morning for KS1) with their children. Teachers would like to be able to concentrate on the children entering their class at the beginning of the day. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please advise the member of staff on the door (KS1 parents) or ring/email/speak to the office. If your child is late, please take them to the office where they will be buzzed in. Office staff will accompany KS1 (and KS2 if necessary) children to their class so that their teacher is not disturbed.

**Dates for your Diary**

Please note attached the new Dates for your Diary. New or amended entries will be marked in red.

Kind regards  
Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher