



## 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

This half term's value is: **Honesty**

#### **Spring Term Newsletter No. 1**

Welcome back to a very chilly Spring Term. The children obviously thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas break and have returned to school with renewed enthusiasm and energy. The year 4 assembly for parents yesterday was full of vitality and I'm sure parents will agree that it was super to see the children having so much fun.

#### **RE Afternoon / Christingle Service**

I do hope parents are able to join us for our RE afternoon next Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup> January). It will run as previous afternoons, in that parents join their child(ren) in their class for a specific fun activity and then join all the children for a short Christingle Service, led by Reverend David Burgess at 2.30pm. The children love sharing their learning, art and craft with adults and it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon. It will start at 1.10pm and finish at 3pm.

#### **Running Club**

Mrs Gardner has once again started running club for KS2 on a Friday lunchtime. Just a reminder that children need to have warm tops, bottoms and proper trainers to join in with this club. All children are welcome and they are still training for the Cross Country Festival which takes place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Further information will be sent out soon.

#### **Our School Choir**

Our school choir took part in the Young Voices Concert on Monday at the O2. Every child I have spoken to had a fabulous time and Mrs Chaudry said it was a fantastic experience for both adults and children. She was thrilled with our children's singing and behaviour and is looking forward to taking part in the next one!

#### **Cloakrooms and Rucksacks**

Thank you to the majority of our parents who have stopped sending in rucksacks. It really has made a difference to the cloakrooms and hardly any coats are now being knocked off pegs onto the floor.

#### **Punctuality**

Unfortunately quite a number of children seem to be arriving into school late for the register. The gates are open from 8.40am and children should be in their classrooms by 8.50am. Please note, doors and gateways into the school will be closed promptly at 9.50 am. I do know it's a struggle to get up in these dark mornings!

**Absences** (illness, medical appointments etc...)

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please could you give the office a copy of their appointment letter or card (before the day, if possible). Please remember that the office needs to be called before 9am if your child is unexpectedly going to be absent from school.

**Parking**

I appreciate it's cold out at the moment but please can I remind the parents that not only is it incredibly antisocial to sit with their engines running, it is also against the law.

"Stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988," The Act enforces rule 123 of the Highway Code which states: "You must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

I am also aware that the bad weather seems to have increased incidence of drivers parking directly (front on not parallel to) the common and across driveways. Please can I ask families not to do this as it damages the Common and is unfair on our neighbours. Thank you.

**Film Night**

A letter has gone out for our next Film Night on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. The film this term will be 'The Secret Life of Pets', which I am told is very funny and suitable for all ages.

**Prayer Garden**

The School Council have working really hard collecting ideas for our Prayer Garden which will be in the laurel to the left of the alleyway entrance. Keep your eye out for the changes which will start over the weekend! As part of this, The School Council are asking children to write a prayer based around the physical world. Representatives will visit classes each day next week to collect written prayers and one will be chosen to be written on a plaque and displayed in the Prayer Garden. House points will be flowing too!

**Exciting news for one of our pupils ....**

Finally, I am delighted to report that following our schools entries to the Rotary Club Christmas story Writing Competition, one of our pupils has been selected. Cara-Jae Hall won second prize for her story 'Last Night I went on an Adventure.' Cara-Jae will be attending a special prize ceremony alongside her family and class teacher, Mrs Hughes. Well done Cara-Jae for a super achievement.

Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher