



# NEWSLETTER



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

Welcome back to all our children, families and staff and a special welcome to new families and staff joining the school community. It was great to see so many smiles coming into school and it is lovely to see our existing children welcoming newcomers to their classes.



### A Special Hawridge & Cholesbury Welcome to ...

Nyah (Y2), Dollie-Rai (Y1), Hafsa, Frankie-River, Logan, Skye (Y3), Muhammad Ibrahim (Y4) and Harry (Y5), who have all joined us this September. As always, I have been really impressed with how well our new children in Reception have been coming in. Welcome to and Olivia-Mai, Willow, Jack, Imogen, Hallie, Lleyton, Hannah, Ella, Atlas, Krish, Madeleine-Rose, Maxwell, Oscar, Eva, Ruby and Isla.

On the staff team I would like to welcome Miss Bateman (Y5 teacher), Mrs Dalton (LSA), Mrs Eames (LSA) and Mrs Grogan (LSA). I know they are all very excited about working with your children this year.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Bainbridge last year and wish her well in her new job.

### PE Kits

Just a reminder that all children should be wearing full school PE kit for PE and games. The proper footwear is especially important and school shoes for PE are not at all appropriate.



### Blue Peter Book Badge

As part of promoting our love of reading at Hawridge and Cholesbury School, we have already shared with you an exciting opportunity to earn a Blue Peter book badge (emailed out). We are really looking forward to finding out how many children get their book badge.

### Open Mornings

The school has further Open Mornings arranged for prospective parents. These are 9.15am to 10am **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**, **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** and **Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Please pass on the dates to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

### Kith and Kin Afternoon from 1.20pm

We are delighted to be holding our first Kith and Kin family afternoon of the new academic year on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Our focus will be Poetry and our aim is to create a wide range of poems inspired by our incredible local environment and school grounds. If you can join us, you are invited to arrive at school at **1.20pm**. The afternoon session will, (weather permitting) involve some time outside, so please come prepared to be in our school grounds. As previously, all siblings will be together as part of a large 'Kith and Kin' group.



### Forest School Fun!

Thank you so much to Colleen, our Forest School Leader, for making this fabulous mud kitchen for our Forest School area. The children were most impressed and absolutely loved creating their special concoctions with it.

### Waterproof Jackets

Children go out to play at both lunchtimes and playtimes, unless it is torrential rain. The weather is so changeable at times in this country so a raincoat is required to be brought into school every day please.





We are holding this year's Harvest Thanksgiving on *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October* at 2.30pm. It will be led by Key Stage 2 and KS2 parents and families are very welcome to attend this celebration of harvest. As in previous years, we will be collecting food donations to help the most vulnerable in our local community. Our collection will be donated to a couple of Care Homes in Chesham and of course the Chesham Food Bank. *All* children and parents are invited to bring their donations into school the morning of Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October so they can be on display during our Harvest Service.

### Our Willow Tunnel

Do you have time to help us recreate our willow tunnel at the bottom of the field? It has become very overgrown and needs helping into shape once more. Please let the office know if you can help us out, potentially one weekend. The more the merrier. Last time it was great fun!

### School Photos

*Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October*

Please remember to send your child into school in full school uniform. School cardigans, jumpers and ties should be worn. Individual photos and photos with siblings in school will be taken.

### Photos of our School



Do we have a budding photographer amongst our parents, who would be willing to take a few photographs around our lovely school (inside and out)? Please speak to the office if you would like to help us out.

### Drop off and Pick up by Car

Please do not do 3-point turns on the main road after you have dropped off or collected your child at either end of the day. There was congestion outside school last week. Nobody should be backing up the school drive to change direction and only blue badge holders can use the carpark.

The summer holidays ended and our new school year began with an awesome, rare lunar phenomena, a Blue Supermoon.

A blue moon occurs when there are two full moons in a month, the second one being named a Blue Moon.



A Supermoon occurs when the moon is closest to the earth at the same time that it is full. On this occasion these both took place at the same time. I wonder if you, like me, looked up at the sky in wonder on these nights and thought of all the other people around the world doing just the same thing.

Around this time I had an interesting chat with a local farmer who was telling me about how some farmers believe the best harvests are collected on nights when there is a full moon when the tidal pull is strongest. There is so much of nature we still don't fully understand, but it never fails to inspire and provoke thought. For me the school year beginning with a Blue Supermoon adds to the feeling that this year, our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, will be a truly remarkable one. Once again we are humbled by the wonderful world and indeed the universe.

*Look out this Friday for the Harvest Moon, which is the last Supermoon of the year!*

### Psalm 8:3

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

Finally, we are always on the look for volunteers in school to help hear our readers. If you have time and would like to join us, please speak to Mrs King in the office.  
Have a good week everyone and let's enjoy the sunshine, while it lasts!