



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**



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As I write this the children are in the school hall watching a fabulous touring panto perform Beauty and the Beast. It sounds absolutely fabulous. Father Christmas came to visit school yesterday and gave each class a gift for their classroom. It was so lovely to see the children's excited faces.

Christmas Story Writing Competition

On Monday, Ray Williams from JPS Stationers came in to present prizes to our fantastic Christmas story writing finalists. Congratulations to our winners: Ian Y1, Scarlett Y2, Isaac Y3, Phoebe Y4, Leila Y5 and Daniel Y6. We gave a special commendation to George S in Windmills who also entered the competition.

We were greatly entertained by the wide collection of stories, some funny, some with reference to more famous Christmas stories and some completely original. There was a real buzz about the competition and as a result of the high quality entries we received we are hoping to make this an annual event. Well done to everyone who entered.

Hello and Goodbye

You may have noticed a new lady in the office. Mrs Parveen has slotted straight into Hawridge & Cholesbury life and we wish her a very warm welcome. The Rev'd David Burgess has moved out of the area and therefore is no longer serving as Rector of Hawridge and Cholesbury churches or has a role in the school. The diocese is hoping to appoint his successor in the first half of 2020. We had a lovely farewell service for Mrs Hughes on Tuesday and we are also saying a temporary farewell to Louise Smith, who is going on maternity leave. How exciting to have a Hawridge and Cholesbury Christmas baby!

Young Carers

I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved the **Gold** Young Carers in Schools award! This is a fantastic achievement and is testament to our ongoing commitment to Young Carers at our School. In the New Year our Young Carers Leader and team of young carers will be invited to a prestigious presentation event. This is an award to be celebrated by both the school and the students together and is also an opportunity to meet other schools and share the great work that is taking place across the county. We are very proud of this achievement.

Christmas Fair

We raised a massive £2,378 at the Xmas Fair. We couldn't have done this without our fantastic PSA, our lovely staff and all the help and support from the fabulous families of Hawridge and Cholesbury.

Readers Tea

I am looking forward to meeting the children, who have read at least five times a week all term, at 11am this morning for a celebratory tea. It is always good fun to chat to them all about what books they have enjoyed.

Parents and Cars

Please, please, please do not back into the school drive to turn your car around. It is not safe and a car backed very close to a child crossing over the drive a couple of weeks ago. A fire engine was struggling to pass through our morning traffic not long ago. Please remember that an emergency vehicle unable to get through or delayed could cost a life!

To finish on a lighter note, I'm sure you will agree that we had a fabulous KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service. I was so proud of all the children, who all looked like they were enjoying themselves.

Have a healthy and a very Merry Christmas. I will see you all refreshed on Monday, 6th January, after a Happy New Year!

Kind regards
Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher