



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 **Honesty**

Spring Term Newsletter No. 3

Folly Fields visited Tring Museum yesterday, the children loved it. We are certain they will have told you all about it! They handled animal skeletons and used careful observations to identify which animal they belonged to. Mrs Gale said they were a credit to our school.

The Year 5 and 6s played a friendly football match against Princes Risborough School at home. All the boys played really well but were not victorious on this occasion. We are hoping our new football kit will turn up before the next match and give them a boost!

PSA

Thank you to the PSA for funding the new bark which was laid out by parent volunteers and of course thank you to all those who helped! Some other projects the PSA are funding are new curtains for the hall, the 'Read, Write, Inc' phonics programme and improvements to library resources.

Fruit Trees

We really appreciate the Dutton-Hance, Jones, Purvis and Watson families, who helped Mrs Gale plant the five fruit trees last weekend. The children are really looking forward to seeing them grow. Thank you!

Happy School bags

Today we raised £147 from your donations of Happy School Bags. The next collection will be on Thursday, 21st May, so please pop the date in your diary.

School Trips

Some of our KS2 children took part in the KS2 Cross Country last week. They all did really well, and we had a year 4 pupil in 3rd place!

On the subject of visits, please may we remind you that we would appreciate reply slips to be returned as promptly as possible, as we need to know numbers of children attending in order to confirm staff/children ratios and book the coach, amongst other things. For the Cross Country Festival, we had children wanting to attend *on the day*. We then had to call parents up for permission, re-check staff-children ratios and double-check there was enough space on the coach!

Please be aware that return times from educational visits given by the school are estimated and cannot be guaranteed. Staff on the visit aim to be back at the time given to parents, however, this can vary due to traffic and other factors beyond our control. If there is a *substantial* change in the return time of a visit, parents will be informed, but otherwise parents need to wait on site for their children.

Quiz Night

A reminder that the PSA are holding a Quiz Night on Friday, 28th February at 7pm.

Sports Star of the Month

There will now be a Sports Star of the Month, where one child will be selected from each year group for enthusiasm, hard-work and achievements – so please look out for these.

World Book Day

We are all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March. This year we are also holding a '**World Book Day Costume Sale**' on Wednesday 26th February. This is organised by a parent who is raising money for bean-bags and cushions for our school library, so please send in any unwanted fancy dress costumes that can be sold.

Parking / Driving / Emergency Services

Please be considerate when parking along the road at pick-up time. We understand some parents arrive at around 2.15pm and keep their car engines running. This disturbs the neighbours and is also not good for the environment or your cars!

Please also remember to look in your side-view mirrors before pulling out onto the road, as there can be cars driving past in both directions. We have been informed of a couple of near misses!

Following an incident outside a school last week, the **Fire Brigade** were delayed reaching a vehicle that was on fire due to double parking by parents/cares dropping off at the school.

If we should ever need the emergency services, we would not like them delayed because of inconsiderate parking and driving. Please bear this in mind.

School Transport

If you would like your child to travel to and from school on the coach, this needs to be done directly via the Bucks County Council website. Please follow the link below;

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-transport/>

Coronavirus

The department for Education has given us information regarding the Coronavirus, which has also been emailed to parents with this newsletter.

Finally, have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday, 24th February refreshed and full of exciting news from your half term break.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher