



NEWSLETTER



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

21st October 2022

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who helped plant our bulbs on Monday, plus an especially big thank you to Mr Young for preparing the ground. I am so looking forward to seeing all the glorious spring flowers when they start to show just before Easter; our grounds are going to look so colourful and welcoming.



Fit4Fun

Despite the weather, all the children had a fun, informative and energetic morning. They thoroughly enjoyed their mid-morning fruit and veg. Thank you to Mrs Jones, Mrs Allchin and Mrs Hicks for preparing the fruit platters for each class. It makes such a difference to staffing when parents are able to come and help us out. It is very much appreciated. 🍎🍌🥒

Cherry Platts' Trip

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful trip to St Albans Cathedral. We explored the cathedral and learnt all about how the Vikings invaded Britain, as well as the different foods the Anglo-Saxons enjoyed. We were fascinated to make butter in the Anglo-Saxon food workshop. The day was a spiritual one as we discovered the beauty of the cathedral.



Scarecrow Competition

The Hilltop Churches recently organised a scarecrow competition for local residents with three prize categories: Famous Face, Under 11s and Best Group. Holly Crofts' staff asked their Year 4 children to design their own scarecrows for homework. They were amazed with the wonderful results. Mrs Nash was so enthusiastic she even made her own scarecrow version of Mr Jackson to teach the scarecrow pupils. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed seeing the scarecrow classroom scene as they have passed our school. Well done everyone!



Secondhand Uniform

A reminder that any unwanted uniform can be left at the school office, who will then pass it over to the secondhand uniform shop. We are very grateful for this fabulous service which is run by a parent, Mrs Symonds.

Please remember that if you are ever in need of more uniform the email address is:-

hawridgeuniform@hotmail.com

A Couple of Collection Dates

Happy School Bag – Thursday 10th Nov (9am)

Rotary Shoe Box – Monday 14th Nov

Enjoy filling those boxes and bags!

Great Oaks' Excursion

Our River Chess school trip was really exciting and all of us loved it. We went to two sites, Chesham Moor and Scotsbridge Mill. At Chesham Moor we measured width, depth and the velocity of the river. After that we found lots of old pottery between 100-200 years old and most of them still had patterns on them. At Scotsbridge we also did some measuring and we all found out that the river's velocity was faster than at Chesham Moor. Sadly there was no pottery, but we did some fishing and found many mysterious creatures including bullhead fish, freshwater shrimp and many more. Most people got really wet but some didn't want to get wet at all! When we got back all of us were so happy to be warm and we all agreed that we had had lots of fun.

by Ophelia and Shreeya



Parent Volunteers

Listening to Readers - Reading is such an important part of a child's education and growth, and the more they read to an adult, the better. The children really enjoy reading to our parent volunteers, so if you have any spare time and would like to help please let us know. We'd love to see you.

Serving School Lunches - As you can imagine lunchtimes are hectic at the best of times and we are always in need of more helping hands. Please let the office know if you can help, even if it's just one day a week. Thank you.



Our school logo at the moment is of poor quality and does not lend itself to being enlarged much above 5cms! If we have any graphic designers in our midst we would be grateful to hear from you to see if we can improve our logo.

Fun Fact

Do you know the difference between a hare and a rabbit?

Clue: ears, legs, sociability, speed



Be inspired by nature this half term...

This week in our Collective Worship we have been listening to some folk music played by a group called Leveret based in Stroud and Derby. Much like folk tales, folk music can be described as a traditional, popular music often passed down orally, from generation to generation.



The folk group we listened to (named after a baby hare) compose their music whilst walking through the countryside.

Inspired by the natural world, they hum tunes into their phones, sharing them with each other before coming together to practise with their instruments (button accordion, fiddle and a concertina).

I wonder what the countryside will inspire you to create in this coming week? I would love to hear or see any nature inspired creations!

In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Job 12:10

Parking – a reminder to please respect the beautiful Common land by not parking on or driving across it and to be mindful of keeping our neighbours' driveways free at all times by not parking across entrances.

Finally, our English prefects are running a writing competition over half term. Children (who would like to) can write a short story / poem about Autumn, and the prefects will be judging them straight after the break. What a fun and creative thing to do over the holidays.