



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, Carers and Families,

This half term's value is **Understanding**

Summer Term Newsletter No. 5

I hope everyone is keeping well and safe. Now that June has arrived, the warm weather seems to have left! Hopefully it will be back soon enough. The staff have all been very positive about the way everyone has adapted to using the new eSchools Academy; I hope you are enjoying using it.

This week, staff have been very busy preparing for a new way of working from 8th June. We are looking forward to welcoming some more children back to school. Details were sent out to those families yesterday about how this will work. For those of you continuing to work remotely we will still very much be there to support you.

Remote learning

Whether you are working remotely for five days or three, please keep uploading work and continue to communicate regularly with staff over the eSchools Academy. The class email system will continue for Reception families only, but for all other year groups the emails will not be in use from Monday, 8th June. If you are having any difficulties communicating over the eSchools Academy, please phone or email the office email address. The office email will continue to be checked regularly and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

The majority of staff will now be working in school two days a week, so they will not be able to respond to queries or mark work as quickly as previously. You may also get a response from a different member of staff than previously. Staff will communicate with you directly about when they would like work uploading and when this will be marked etc. Please note that teachers are monitoring discussions between children which take place over the eSchools Academy platform and are therefore aware of what is being posted.

School Uniform Orders

Due to Covid-19 the uniform company has informed us that it will remove the option to have orders sent to school for collection. Therefore all uniform orders should/will be sent directly to home addresses until further notice.

Schools Trips/ Refunds

Some of you have paid either deposits or full amounts for school trips or events. We have held off in the hope that it may have been possible to re-book trips before the end of the school year. This is now not looking possible. The school office is currently looking at the best options for refunds etc. moving forwards and a letter will be sent out next week with further information.

Wildlife challenge

We would like to encourage you to take part in The Wildlife Trust's annual nature challenge. They are asking you to 'go wild' for 30 days over June and 'do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.' Have a look at their website for further information

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org> and let us know how you get on!

Great work!

Well done for continuing to work hard as the weeks of Lockdown turn into months. I am very proud of how you are all doing and I know the rest of the staff are too.

Windmills, it seems, have been keeping the local tooth fairy busy! Your teachers are very impressed with how well you are all sitting and confidently listening during your Zoom learning sessions. We are very proud of your enthusiasm and the range of vocabulary used during show and tell. Well done Windmills you have adapted to the new way of doing things really well!

Mrs Gale has enjoyed hearing about all the fruit and vegetables being grown by Year 3 children. Well done for doing your bit to feed your families and doing some great practical science at the same time— we look forward to hearing about the harvest!

Continuing on the 'food and families' theme, I know that Year 4 have been continuing to keep in touch with their families and taking part in online groups such as Spanish, Tennis, Music and Taekwondo! I heard that one of you has become a master birthday cake maker too! Well done!

Mrs Morris has been impressed with the positive attitude of some of her mathematicians in Year 5 and for some great attitudes to learning and hard work in Year 6. I know that one of you has also produced a lovely collage of what they have been doing during Lockdown. Well done everyone!

This weeks' music ...

This week's piece of music is Any Dream Will Do from the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. The musical is based on the Old Testament story of Joseph and his coat of many colours, Genesis 46. The story of Joseph is one of the best known tales in the Bible. The events of Joseph's life are also found in the Torah and the Qur'an, and they were written down by scribes about 1,000 years after the events were said to have taken place. There are many relevant themes for us now: we have talked about the fact that we are making history right now – imagine if our stories are still being told in thousands of years' time! The music is about Joseph's dreams, and I heard recently a strange fact that vivid dreams have been more common amongst us during Lockdown than previously! It is important to keep positive, look to the future and let our imaginations run wild. I hope you enjoy listening. [Click here](#)

Finally, I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to being in touch again shortly.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher