



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Kith and Kin Poetry afternoon – Wednesday 27th September 2023, 1.20-2.45pm**

We are delighted to be holding our first Kith and Kin family afternoon of the new academic year on **Wednesday 27th 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.

The idea of Kith and Kin comes from the book 'Kith: The Riddle of the Childscape' written by Jay Griffiths and has been reviewed by Iain McGilchrist as 'an impassioned, visionary plea to restore to our children the spirit of adventure, freedom and closeness to nature that is their birth right'; this is the learning journey we intend for our children in our own 'Kith and Kin' sessions.

For this Kith and Kin session, the children will work together in family groups, to gather words, phrases and ideas for nature poems, with a focus on using their senses and taking inspiration from the outdoor environment. We want the children to be fascinated to compose poetry and motivated to write, illustrate, speak and perform their poems.

The afternoon session will, (weather permitting) involve some time outside, so please come prepared to be outside in our school grounds.

If you are able to join us, you are invited to arrive at school at 1.45pm on Wednesday 27th. We will gather in the hall and have a quick chat about the vision for the session, before inviting you to meet your children to begin the activity. As previously, all siblings will be together as part of a large 'Kith and Kin' group.

Please complete the attached slip to let us know if you are able to join us for this Kith and Kin activity. If you aren't able to join us, your child will be accompanied by teaching staff and will take part fully in the afternoon session.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Birley and Mrs Tweedley

**Kith and Kin Poetry reply slip – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Child's name(s) .....

I can attend the Kith and Kin afternoon on Wednesday 27th September 2023 .....

I can't attend the Kith and Kin afternoon on Wednesday 27th September 2023 .....

Signed: