



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

**Kith and Kin Afternoon – Friday 10th July 1.45pm – 3pm**

We are delighted to be holding a Kith and Kin family afternoon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Our focus will be Art with the theme of **‘Tints and Tones – a celebration of David Hockney’**. Children will work with their families to create tints and tones of a particular colour. Foraging for natural materials they will work together to create a large printed mural showcasing their colour’s tints and tones. These will be used for a whole school Kith and Kin display board.

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 Kith and Kin sessions, the children will work together in family groups made up of their own siblings and other children from across the school. 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 for a **1.45pm start**. Signing in at the office will be available from **1.30pm**. The session will end at **3pm** when you will be invited to sign out.

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 Smith & Miss Thorp