



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents

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

### **Autumn Term Newsletter No. 2**

It was wonderful to see so many parents joining in the bulb planting on Friday afternoon with their children. Even the sun came out! Thanks to Mrs Morris for preparing the planting areas for us. We can't wait to see the flowers in the spring.

### **Special Welcome to ...**

Henry Keen, who has joined Little Peppers and has already settled in marvellously.

### **Key Stage 1/ Reception Read-ins**

A quick reminder that these Read-ins start again on Friday, 25th September. Parents are invited to come into the classroom from 8.40am and share a book with their child. Children from these classes should come into the classroom from this time to read even if their parent is not able to stay.

### **Sponsored Spell**

Well done to everyone for working so hard learning spellings over the summer holidays. We have had some impressive results across the whole school. Please remember to send in your sponsorship money so that we can report back to you the amount raised and give you an update on tables for the dining room.

### **Year 6 Positions of Responsibility**

As children move into Y6 they start to assume positions of responsibility. At the beginning of the term School Council Representatives are voted for by Y6. Students who would like to be House Captains prepare speeches to present to the rest of the school and elections are held. House Captains are responsible for planning and leading House competitions etc... The remaining children are then prefects or hold other positions of responsibility as required.

#### School Council Representatives

Ashton Turns, Tanaka Nhau and Ethan Ives

#### House Captains

*Dinnets:* Hollie Collins and Charlie Greenwood  
*Orchards:* Alex Morris and Leon Tranter  
*Putnams:* Chloe Reisinger and Jake Barnes

#### Librarian

Joscelyn Creighton

#### Prefects

Lucy Baxter, Kelsi Booth, Victoria Gardner, Hannah Macklin, Fletcher Blount, Vincent Dunn, Albie Peyton, Zachary Weaver

### **Parent View**

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. They will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when. By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve. If you would like to complete the questionnaire, please click on the link below and complete the 2015/16 survey. Many thanks.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### **Waterproof Jackets**

Children are still being sent to school without waterproof jackets. Children go out to play at both lunchtimes and playtimes unless it is torrential rain. As the weather is so changeable at times in this country, a raincoat is required to be brought into school every day please.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that all school jumpers, cardigans and jackets are labelled clearly so that they can easily be reunited with their owners. We have an incredible amount of unnamed lost property!

### **Parent Forum**

It was super to see so many of you at our Kith and Kin Parent Forum last week. It is always valuable to take time to reflect on our children's education and it was very encouraging to hear so many positive thoughts about learning from and in nature. If you were not able to attend or would like to reflect further, the slides have been placed on our school website under Parents / Parent Forum, alongside some of the research articles which relate to the subject.

### **Kith and Kin Curriculum Afternoon – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 1pm - 2.45pm**

As mentioned on our Diary Dates and following on from the Parent Forum the children will be taking part in an '**Art through Nature**' afternoon which we would like to invite parents to also attend. Local artist, Annie Lowe will be working with some children and all staff have some creative and through provoking ideas planned for the children. Some of the Year 1 children will be having their Forest Schools' afternoon as usual. Parents are very welcome to visit the Wild Wood to see what that is all about!

Please join us between **1pm and 2.45pm** to explore a range of learning opportunities, both inside and outside. Please note children will be working in mixed age groups for the afternoon so parents will need to go the hall initially to check where their child is. Siblings will be kept in the same groups. Please note that this afternoon will continue despite the unsettled forecast this week (unless it is unsafe), so please make sure your children and you have the necessary clothing etc. The usual dismissal procedures will apply and all children will need to be back in their usual classrooms by 2.45pm please. Tea and coffee will be available for parents in the hall until the usual collection times. Please also take a minute to complete our Reflection Book at some point during the afternoon. (located on the table by the signing in book). Younger siblings are able to attend, but are their parents' responsibility at all times and might only be able to watch the activities due to limited resources.

### **Football Posts and Nets**

Your PSA has just bought new nets for the football posts, because the existing ones had been spoilt and were no longer safe or fit for purpose. The children were told in Collective Worship not to hang off or climb on them before, during or after school. Please could you reinforce this message to your children at home.

### **Chesham Museum - children's letters**

Last year our year 6s visited Chesham Museum and following the trip they sent them thank you letters. It's always lovely to have positive feedback from our community, so I thought it would be nice to share with parents their comments.

'the wonderful batch of thank you letters from (your) year 6 class. We were very impressed with every aspect of the letters - style, content and handwriting. Hats off to you all.'

### **Open Mornings**

The school has two Open Mornings arranged for prospective parents. These are on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please pass on the dates to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

### **School Photos**

These are taking place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like a picture of your child with their younger sibling who is not of school age as yet then please come to the school hall at 9am. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

### **Birthday Party Invites**

Please do not ask teachers to give out birthday party invites or send them with your child into class. Teachers have been put into the very awkward situation of giving out invites to an entire class bar one or two children, who obviously then get very upset.

### **Harvest Festival – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2.15pm**

We are in need of helpers to coordinate the food donations to our local community and to help set up the display for our Harvest Festival this year. If you are able to offer an hour or so, please contact the office. Please send in all donations of food on the morning of October 5<sup>th</sup>, so that we can display them in the hall in time for the Harvest Festival at 2.15pm. Please note that all parents are welcome to come to this special service.

### **Phonics Workshop – Reception to Year 2 Parents – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 8.30am – 9.30am**

The workshop will also include an opportunity to join your child in a phonics lesson.

### **Assessment With Out Levels (AWOL) Presentation**

#### **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm or Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am**

Many of you will be aware that National Curriculum levels are no longer a requirement for measuring children's ability or progress and that end of key stage assessments will no longer provide levels ( e.g. 3c, 4b etc.) which have been in place for many years now.

Come along to the important meeting to find out about the changes that have taken place and about the assessment systems that we will be using at Hawridge & Cholesbury C of E School.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Please note attached the new Dates for your Diary. New or amended entries will be marked in red.

Kind regards

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Headteacher