



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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**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

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

**Spring Term Newsletter No. 4**

I'm sure you'll agree that all the children (and staff) looked fabulous in their World Book Day outfits. Thank you to everyone for making such a great effort! Well done to all the children (especially key stage 2) for sensibly managing whilst our back entrance door has been out of action. We expect it to be fixed this week.

**PSA AGM Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 9 am School hall**

As you know the PSA AGM will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9 am in the school hall. I do hope lots of you will be able to attend. Do consider standing for a specific role, in particular that of Treasurer. The role of Treasurer can be carried out from home and does not necessarily require attendance at events, although mathematical skills are a necessity!

**Volunteers Needed**

We have a range of needs for volunteers in school. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering in school please do speak to myself or Mrs Hughes. We are interested to hear from anyone over the age of 18 including parents, grandparents, neighbours, students. We are looking for help with hearing readers, support with handwriting, practising spellings, running booster groups for children, gardening, general tidying/ maintenance work, clubs etc. If you have a particular skill or interest, please let us know.

**Things for the Garden**

Holly Crofts are planning on tidying up and giving our Quiet Garden a well-needed makeover. Any donations of the following would be gratefully accepted: water butt, drain pipes, tomato plants or other vegetable plants and any general gardening equipment.

**Small Plant Pots**

We are looking for donations of small (10cm diameter or less) plant pots for growing our plants to sell on our Plant Sale day (Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May).

**The Mound, Trim Trail, Field**

Please remember that children are not allowed on the grassy mound/field or trim trail either before or after school.

**Punctuality**

We are keeping a close eye on punctuality this term. Please ensure that children are in school between 8.40am – 8.50am. The registers close at 8.50am and children in class after that time will be marked in as late.

## **Young Carers' Club**

Mrs Davey now has this club up and running. If anyone feels their child would benefit from attending this 'Young Carers' Club', please speak or email Mrs Davey via the school office.

## **RE Afternoon**

We will be holding our RE afternoon on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Parents are invited to join their children in class at 1.05pm and explore 'Easter around the World'. If anyone has any knowledge or experience to share for this special afternoon, please speak to the class teacher, Mrs White or myself.

## **Mothering Service – led by KS1**

Our service this year is on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. All parents are invited although the Service will be led by KS1 on this occasion.

## **KS1 Read-in**

When you go into your child's classroom for Friday's KS1 Read-in, please ensure you sign the Read-in book in your classroom and also wear a visitor sticker.

## **Wonderful Walking**

Your children may have told you that we have recently introduced 'Wonderful Walking' to our school. If you visit the school you will notice that we have developed our own Hawridge & Cholesbury style of 'wonderful walking'. This involves children and staff walking around the school with their hands held loosely behind their back. The children are brilliant at it and it has certainly helped make our corridors calmer places. This initiative followed some staff reading a book by Paul Dix and attending some training alongside other Chesham schools. This is the same book that led us to introduce morning hand shaking.

## **Carpet Offcuts**

We are on the hunt for 'new' carpet offcuts. If you have any largish pieces lying around in your loft or garage we'd love to take them off your hands. Just a note – the carpet needs to have a reasonable deep pile and not be too tightly woven as the children will be making patterns with it with their hands. Please speak to Mrs Davey, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Hughes or myself if you are able to help.

## **School Lunches**

Just a reminder that school lunches should be booked via the online SchoolMoney booking system by Wednesday at midnight for the following week. If you do not book lunches then you need to send your child in with a packed lunch for the entire week.

## **What do the children at Hawridge & Cholesbury C of E School say about our school?**

We have been talking to the children about our school curriculum, safeguarding and other aspects of our school. I thought you might be interested to hear some of their views.

They told us that they particularly like all the trips we do and special curriculum days such as Kith and Kin. They felt the strengths of the school were that their brains were challenged, which was good and that the school feels safe and has a 'nice feel' to it. They said they never wanted to leave the school or for it to close! They would like to see more art and craft activities and more team sports. They told us about some of the topics they would like included in their curriculum e.g. World War One and Two, cooking – life skill that everyone needs, cars/vehicles, globes and maps, learning about Earth, important buildings, more sport and more stories. We will try to take their requests into account as we plan for the term / year ahead!

Kind regards

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Headteacher