



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

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

Autumn Term Newsletter No. 4

I can't believe that it's nearly December already! Rehearsals for the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service are going well and it's lovely to hear the Christmas songs throughout school.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated online via the Countryfile Ramble giving page and also brought in £1. We raised over £350 for a very worthy cause. All the children looked fab in their spotty outfits and they all enjoyed their ramble round the school grounds.

Nativity and Carol Service

Just a reminder to please send in your Nativity ticket orders and Carol Service slips.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday, 1st December 11am – 2pm

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. Please remember to send in your raffle tickets, which will also be available to buy during the Bazaar. Cake plates have gone out in book bags and it would be lovely to receive them back full of cakes (or one big cake) on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to sell at the Fayre. It's always lovely to see everyone having a cuppa, piece of cake and chat during the festivities.

Talking of cake, please remember that we are a 'nut free' school' when you make your cakes and when you buy them at the Bazaar be aware that school cannot say for sure that cakes/biscuits provided by parents are baked in a nut free environment.

Curriculum

You may have heard staff and children talk about our 'FRESH through nature' curriculum. As a school we have been looking at what is unique about the curriculum we offer our children.

Fascinating

Rounded

Everyone yearning to make a difference

Spiritual

Highly aspirational ...through nature.

Please take a minute to have a look on our website at some of the FRESH things we have been doing. We will be inviting you in to school in the New Year to hear more about the curriculum and to see some FRESH lessons on action.

http://www.hawridge-cholesbury.bucks.sch.uk/website/our_new_fresh_curriculum/381852

Children's Technology Habits

Many of you, like me, are concerned about some of the negative impacts of technology on our young people (there are of course many positives too). I thought you might be interested to know about a survey of 7,000 parents in Europe by Norton which has revealed concern about children's technology habits. 43% of parents are concerned that the use of technology is adversely impacting their children's sleep. 38% expressed fears about the impact of mobile phone and tablet use on social skills and 32% thought there was a potential negative impact on mental health.

The survey, which included parents of children aged between 5 and 16 years old, found that British children were spending on average 3 hours a day on their mobile phones.

More detail on the survey can be found here. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-46234035>

The article identifies the following E-safety tips

- Set house rules such as screen time limits, and what children are allowed to view
- Talk to children about what they do and see online
- Encourage them to communicate with friends in online social spaces
- Teach children to think before they click
- Use tech tools to limit how much inappropriate content they see
- Discuss the risks of posting private data, images and videos to social networks
- Be a good role model

E-safety is a priority on this year's School Development Plan. We have three goals which we are asking all families to adhere to in their own homes in order to help keep their children safe online.

1. **No more than 2 hours using technology in one day** (an hour on a school day) As the driving instructors say – 'this is a limit not a target!'
2. **No games/ social media used where children are below recommended age limit.** (Although many parents believe they are adhering to this, concerns can remain where the technology is used by older siblings/ parents and then younger children see this or take part without parents realising)
3. **All technology to be kept in communal areas** and no online technology in children's bedrooms. (ipads, smartphones, x-box etc.)

Christmas Jumper Day – Bring in £1

We are pleased to be joining in with the national Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th December, which raises money for the Save the Children charity. It would be nice if any old Christmas jumpers were donated to school so that we have some for children who don't own a Christmas jumper.

School Disco

The school disco form has now been sent out by the PSA. It is on Friday, 7th December and the children always have a wonderful time. Please return your slips as soon as possible.

Finally, all the children are looking much smarter in their complete school uniform. Thank you for getting on board with our mini campaign.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher