



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. 3**

This half term is a really exciting one for our children with a carol service, nativity, our Christmas Bazaar and for the first year - a Christmas Pantomime is coming into school. What a fabulous start to the festive season!

### **Children in Need**

Just a reminder that we would like everyone to wear spots tomorrow Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. If you do not have any clothes with spots on, please do not buy any – a cut out circle(s) of paper sellotaped onto a sweatshirt is a fun thing to do with your child.

Just a reminder that, as a school, we will be going for a Countryfile ramble around our wonderful school grounds to raise money for Children in Need. Please use the link to donate <https://countryfile-ramble-for-bbc-children-in-need-2018.everydayhero.com/uk/angela-2>. Our whole school ramble will take place irrespective of weather and so children will need a pair of wellies in school to change into and a waterproof coat with hood. As all staff will be assisting on the walk, no staff will be available to stay behind with children who do not have the correct attire. If you would rather bring £1 then that's great!

### **Christmas Dinner**

This will take place on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please book online. The menu will be different to that on the system, so instead of the meatballs there will be a **Christmas Dinner** (Roast turkey with chipolatas, roasted potatoes, stuffing, balls, carrots, peas and gravy), instead of the vegetarian option of Bombay potato bake there will be a **Roasted Vegetable Roulade** and the dessert will be **Christmas Biscuit and Ice cream**.

### **Pantomime**

This will take place on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December and the panto is Cinderella!

This year we have booked for a pantomime company to come into school rather than go the Elgiva. We have made this decision because it will offer the children a different experience (some children spend their time at the Elgiva panto in the foyer).

### **School Fund**

A letter was sent out recently regarding our school fund. Each year we invite parents to make an annual contribution towards extra resources and materials or special events. This allows us to meet the costs of extra enriching activities from which the children benefit. In the past the fund has been used for things such as Forest School items (marshmallows and tarpaulins), glitter and card for Christmas, cooking ingredients and coach subsidy to name but a few. You can pay by cheque, cash or via the SchoolMoney online payment system.

**Prayer Meeting**

A prayer meeting for parents will be held at 9am on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. All parents are welcome.

**Open Mornings**

Due to the popularity of our open mornings we have pencilled in a couple more. These are on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please pass on the dates to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

**Dropping your Child off in the Mornings**

Please ensure that your child is not dropped off at school or on the road before staff are in place to supervise at 8.40am. Children attending Story Start or Gym Club should be handed over to the appropriate staff at 8am. The drop off gate will shut at 8.50am, so do not leave your child unless there is a member of staff at the end of the path by the road. If there is not a member of staff there then it means that the gate is not open!

**Christmas Bazaar**

We are holding our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December from 11am to 2pm. Information letters have gone out this week. If you are able to help out on a stall for a short (or long) amount of time it would be greatly appreciated. The Bazaar is a fun day and everyone always leaves feeling really 'Christmassy and happy'. Please remember to send in gifts for the Children's Room!

Finally, we have had a great start to this half term with our Y2 Fire of London Day and, as I write, our Y3 Greek Day. Keep an eye open for our new and exciting 'FRESH' curriculum. Thank you for your continued support and goodwill.

Kind regards

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Headteacher