



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. 7

As I write our last newsletter this term the tables are being set up in the hall to seat the entire school so that we can enjoy our Christmas Lunch together. The children had a very exciting morning when each class was treated to special visit by Father Christmas who came to Hawridge & Cholesbury to deliver class gifts.

Christmas Tree

On the theme of gifts, a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Stirling who donated the fabulous Christmas tree in the hall this year.

School Performance Tables – H&C Top of Table for Reading!

We are thrilled to report that for overall performance at the end of KS2 in 2017 in Bucks, Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School are top for 'Reading'. You can look at the performance tables if you click on the following link:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education> and then click on School Performance Tables and search by local authority (Buckinghamshire).

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We raised £102.82 which was an excellent amount, so thank you to everyone who bought a poppy and donated to such a worthy cause.

Nativity and Carol Service

After a very disruptive start to the week with two snow days, which meant the postponement of the KS1 Nativity and also a lack of last minute carol rehearsing for the KS2 carol service, the children really pulled out the stops. The Nativity sounded great and parents left with a smile on their faces and some lovely compliments. Each class sang their carol verse beautifully during the Carol Service, the readers spoke clearly and the instrumentalists really made the whole evening feel Christmassy. Many thanks to Mrs Bonner and Mrs Watson for their invaluable help. The retiring collection raised £152 for Chesham Foodbank.

Snow Days

The snow caused a few problems to our trees in the quiet area. Thank you to Mr Lacey, who lopped a few branches off for us, thus allowing the school to open on Wednesday.

Open Morning

We have decided to hold one last Open Morning on Monday, 8th January 2018 for prospective parents. Please pass on this date to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

Christmas Bazaar

It seems a while ago now that the PSA held the Christmas Bazaar. It was well attended and a great start to the festive period. A big thanks to Mrs Nisbet and her band of helpers who made it all possible and raised a fantastic £2300 for our school.

Panto and Disco

The pantomime was very enjoyable this year, but it would not have run so smoothly without the brilliant organisational skills of Mrs Clarke. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out on the day. A thank you also to Mrs Duncan-Anderson and her helpers who organised the School Disco, which the children tell me was great fun!

Christmas in Chesham

Christmas in Chesham raised £153.10 which will go towards re-lining the school pond to bring it back to life next spring. Thank-you to those that helped create and run the stall led by Debs MacArthur (Calum Y3) and to all the parents who made it possible with their generous sweet donations. The Elf name chosen on stage was "Dobby" provided by Ryley in Y2 and the winning name was purchased by Chloe Grogan ex. Y6. We received some fantastic feedback to be proud of "You had a lovely festive stall, family friendly with some amazing sweets and cakes, well done Team H&C!"

Finally I would like to wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your festivities and we'll see you on Thursday, 4th January 2018 well rested and ready for another fun term.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher