



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 **Respect**

Autumn Term Newsletter No. 1

Welcome back to school everyone from what I hope was a relaxing and fun summer break. The weather is obviously going to be changeable this term, so please can all children remember to wear/bring in a rain jacket to school.

Special Welcome to ...

A warm welcome our new reception children: Daisy, Finlay, Samuel, Amelie, Leila, Emily, Arlo, Jemima, Elias, Theo, Isla, Matthew, Alfie, Megan J, Lucia, Kailan, Oliver, Julia, Harry, Winston, Amelia, Jack, Ashton, Scarlett, Max, Charles, Megan T, Stella, Lacey and Neve; plus a special welcome to children who are joining our older classes: Miles (Y1), Ruby, Caleb, Johnathan, Abigail, Zaine and James (Y3), Sophia (Y4), Lexi and Dylan (Y5) and last but not least Rohan, who joins Y6.

Scrap Books and Reading Challenge

Just a reminder for children to send in their Summer Scrapbooks to display in the school and share with others. I really enjoying looking at some of them today and showing them to the children during assembly. I was impressed by everyone's hard work and creativity. Please could all scrapbooks be in by Friday, 15th September and remember you can earn 20 house points!

Curriculum Meetings – Reminders of Dates

Curriculum Letters will be sent out this week detailing each class' topic work for the term ahead. In addition, teachers are once again offering an opportunity for you to visit your child's class and hear about what is planned for the term and how you can best support your child. These will be as follows

Reception	Wednesday, 13 th September 2017	2.30pm
Year 1	Friday, 15 th September 2017	8.30am
Year 2	Wednesday, 13 th September 2017	9am
Year 3	Wednesday, 13 th September 2017	2.45pm
Year 4	Wednesday, 13 th September 2017	2.45pm
Year 5	Wednesday, 13 th September 2017	2.45pm
Year 6	Wednesday, 13 th September 2017	2.45pm

Nut-Free School

Please note that Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School is a Nut-Free Zone as we have children in school with severe nut allergies, Please do not send in any products containing nuts. Special care should be taken regarding cereal bars in school lunch boxes etc. Thank you.

Bulb Planting Monday, 18th September – KS1: 2.30pm – 3.00pm and KS2: 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Following the success of the last couple of years our day for planting bulbs around our school site is Monday, 18th September. It would be great if each child could bring in a bulb to plant with their parent. Please do bring along spring bulbs, gardening gloves, trowels etc. and join us at the allotted time slot to get planting! The more we plant, the more fabulous our site will look next September. Each class will be allocated a general area which will be indicated on the day. Unless the weather conditions are dangerous, we will continue even in the wet – if it rains it will make our planting easier! Of course, any number of bulb donations would be greatly appreciated.

Drop Off Arrangements – Messages for the Teacher

It has been good to see children arriving so sensibly and happily this week. Everyone found their new room, new teacher and new coat peg smoothly! As children move into new year groups and key stages the expectations change as appropriate. Year 1 and 2 parents are asked to leave their children at the Year 2 cloakroom each morning. A member of staff will be at the door to greet the children and take messages for parents. Our new Year 3 children and all children in Key Stage 2 need to say goodbye to parents on the playground.

This is an important step for the children so please can I ask you not to come in to the cloakrooms or classrooms with the children. Teachers start working with children the minute they enter the classroom and the first 20 minutes of the day are a vital time for hearing readers, providing 1 to 1 support etc. If you have an urgent message for the teacher, please speak to Mrs Barnes or Mrs Jones in the office. All teachers are available at the end of the day for a quick chat or if you need to make an appointment for a longer discussion. If your child has a specific need that will not be met by these arrangements, please speak to your class teacher or the SENCo to agree an appropriate support strategy.

Pick Up Arrangements

The playground has been fairly chaotic at KS2 pick up time. To make things a little easier please could KS1 parents (who do not have KS2 children) leave the playground as soon as possible and please could KS2 parents wait on the playground not closer to the 'play wall' than the Y1 class gate. We thought it would be easier for teachers to spot parents if Y6 parents waited near the trim trail side of the playground and Y3 near the school building (with years 4 and 5 in between!) Hopefully this will ease congestion, but if any parents have a better idea, please do not hesitate to speak to the school office.

School Car Park

The school car park is full with staff cars only and the gate will shut whilst families enter and leave school safely. Please do not park in the school car park unless you have a disabled badge and are using the allocated spaces. Copies of blue badges and your car registration number should be given to the school office and then displayed in the car windscreen. Adults and children are expected to be courteous and polite at all times on the school grounds and swearing or bad language is just as unacceptable in the car park as it is in the rest of the school. Equally the car park is No Smoking Area along with the whole school site.

Backpacks and Pencil Cases

All stationery is provided for children so pencil cases should not be brought into school. Unfortunately our cloakrooms are tight for space so rucksacks/backpacks are not to be brought into school. The children should come into school wearing their coat and carrying their book bag, lunch bag (if they bring packed lunch) and their PE kit in their drawstring PE bag. Any additional kit for clubs etc. should also be stored in a drawstring bag and musical instruments should be stored in the Music Room. This way everything fits nicely on the pegs and coats do not spend their day on the floor of the cloakroom!

The only exception to this rule is Year 6, who are allowed both a rucksack and pencil case as a special privilege and a means of transition for going to secondary school at the end of this academic year.

Key Stage 1/ Reception Read-ins

A quick reminder that these Read-ins start again on Friday, 15th 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.

Story Start Club 8am, 5 days a week, open to all children - £4 per child payable on the day

Miss Ottaway and Mrs Ditta offer a Story Start for children from all classes. Children are given the option of coming to school from 8am to listen to a story (read by an adult!) and enjoy a drink and a snack (bagels, brioche, fruit etc.) Places must be booked and paid for in advance as there will be a limit on numbers.

Homework/ Project Club 3pm/ 3.15pm – 4.30pm - £6 per child

Homework/ Project Club is available for all children until 4.30pm. This will be run after every day after school in the ICT room until 4.30pm by Miss Ottaway and Mrs Moore. Children will be supported to complete their homework and/ or work on a project of their choice. Places must be booked and paid for in advance as there will be a limit on numbers.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all children come to school wearing the correct school uniform. Every piece of uniform should be labelled clearly so that it can be easily reunited with its owner after PE, Games breaktime and lunchtime. We had an incredible amount of unnamed lost property at the end of last year!

Open Mornings

The school has three Open Mornings arranged for prospective parents. These are on Wednesday 20th September, Friday 13th October and Thursday 16th November from 9.30am to 10.30am. Please pass on the dates to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

Birthday Party Invites and Sweets

As we are promoting our school as a healthy eating environment sweets should not be brought into school when it is a child's birthday. Parents had a lovely idea of donating a new book to the school library on their child's birthday. If you wish to do this, please send a book into the school office and a book plate will be put into it with your child's name on before it goes into the library.

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.

School Photos

These are taking place on Tuesday, 3rd October. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Trim Trail

Just a reminder that children are not allowed on the trim trail before or after school due to health and safety reasons. Please could you ensure that your child is aware of this.

Maths, Shanghai and Mrs Hughes

We received exciting news last term that Mrs Hughes has been selected to take part in a prestigious teacher exchange, focusing on mathematics, with a partner school in Shanghai. She is among 70 expert mathematics teachers from schools across England taking part in an exchange as part of the Maths Hubs programme. It is a credit to her, and the whole school community are looking forward to adding a global perspective to their understanding of mastery maths. The purpose of the exchange is to further develop the understanding and implementation of mastery approaches to teaching maths in both our school and in local partner schools that Mrs Hughes will be working with during the school year.

Hand Dryers

Many thanks to Mr Batey for installing the hand dryers in the toilets free of charge.

Dates for your Diary

Please note the attached dates for your information.

Goodbye

Last but not least I am sure you will join me in wishing Wayne Bower (our caretaker) all the best as he leaves our school and moves to the Isle of Wight with his family. We wish him all the best.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher