



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. 3**

Spring is finally in the air after a very cold and snowy start. The daffodils are starting to flower and once the field has dried out the children will be allowed to play on it during lunchtime, something they all look forward to. Hopefully they will have a chance to do so before the Easter holidays, weather permitting.

**Our Pond**

Thank you to those who came to help a couple of weekends ago. As you can see, the pond is now taking shape, with the new liner installed and waiting to be filled with water. I am so looking forward to seeing all the wildlife once it is finished and all the spring plants have started to grow around it. It promises to be a beautiful space. Particular thanks go to the Barnes family who not only supported the two Autumn working parties, but also spent the whole day working hard during this Spring working party. Many thanks to the staff, their families and our volunteer Graham for their support too. Thank you to Mrs Bonner who, unable to attend this working party, so kindly gave up a Friday afternoon to help as well. It's amazing how much we can achieve with so many willing hands!

**World Book Day**

Last Wednesday was a very colourful and exciting day in school as we celebrated World Book Day, albeit a little later due to the snow! The children looked fabulous in their costumes and thank you to those who remembered to 'dress a bear'.

**Mothering Service – led by KS1**

What a lovely service we had this year. There were lots of super pictures and the Windmills' accounts of why their mums were special were so sweet. The assembly ended with another rousing rendition of 'Super Mum' that everyone joined in with.

**Blessing of our new EYFS Play Area**

We are delighted to say that The Right Reverend Dr Alan Wilson, the Bishop of Buckingham will be attending our Service on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 during which our new Early Years' Play Area will be blessed. All parents are invited to this service, which will start at 2.15pm.

## **Absences**

If your child is unable to come to school for any reason please can you ensure that you leave a message on the absence line. If the line is busy or full, please speak to the office. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea it is essential that they remain at home for a full 48 hours (2 full days) from their last bout. This is to ensure that the bug is not passed on. A small minority of parents phone to say their child has been sick all night and then bring them in the following day! Please refrain from doing this as it is not fair to the rest of their classmates!

## **Punctuality**

A growing number of lates ... all children should be in by 8.50 at the latest.

## **Lent Plastic challenge**

Just a reminder that the Challenge can be found on the school website in the News section.

## **Behaviour Policy Meeting**

We are holding this meeting on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 at 8.45am. This year staff, governors and other professionals have reviewed our Behaviour Policy and made some amendments and additions to the one currently published on our school website. The policy will be available to view in advance following full governing body approval on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. I urge you to read the policy and come along to discuss with staff what this will look like in practice. I hope to see many of you on the Friday.

## **Super Spelling Stars (SSS)**

Parents may be aware that children in Key Stage 2 have started working to be Super Spelling Stars. This works in a similar way to Terrific Times Tables, where children work through levels (up to level 20) They need to spell all the words in one level correctly in order to move up to the next one. The initiative has been created by Susannah Howard and covers all the words/ rules that children are expected to know whilst at primary school. By the end of Year 6 we hope all children will have reached level 20. We are having a big push on spelling at the moment so please do encourage your children to learn their spellings and reach the next level.

## **Easter Gardens**

As we approach this important time in the church calendar, we would like to invite all children to create an Easter garden. Easter gardens are a fun and easy way to focus on and learn about Easter. The following link helps to explain more about Easter gardens and you and your child may enjoy watching it together. <http://request.org.uk/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/> Please can completed Easter gardens be brought in to school Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March where they will be displayed for all to see. Additionally, all who take part will be awarded 10 house points.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher