



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 **Respect**

### **Autumn Term Newsletter No. 1**

Welcome back to school everyone! What a busy time we have had already with our bulb planting afternoon. It was lovely to see so many parents come and join in the fun with their children. Thank you so much for all your enthusiasm and further offers of help with any weeding.

### **Special Welcome to ...**

A warm welcome our new reception children: Grace, Thomas, Annabelle, Richard, Summer, Florence, Barnaby, Lucas, Samuel, Freya, Freddy, Greyson, Oscar, Spencer, Esther, Kerron, Oliver, Keiran, Kien, Keira-Mai, Lulu, Mia, Una, Jake, Ian, Poppy, Alice, Edward and Sebastian; plus a special welcome to children who have joined our older classes: Chloe (Y1), Anna (Y3), Lilith, Lewis and Louie (Y5).

### **Exciting News**

Do you remember that 'yourChesham' ran a poster competition for local schools? We are thrilled to say that Amber in Y3 won the competition! Her poster will be on the cover of September's edition of 'yourChesham' and will also be printed and appear in public places that support the campaign. Congratulations Amber.

### **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.

### **Key Stage 1/ Reception Read-ins**

A quick reminder that these Read-ins start again on Friday, 21st 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.

### **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! Trainers should not be worn instead of school shoes and no more 'holiday' hair braids from next week please.

### **Wellies**

Every child should have a named pair of wellington boots in school please

### **Story Start Club 8am, 5 days a week, open to all children - £4 per child**

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 via the online SchoolMoney system as there is 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 Mrs Hattam and Miss Smith. Children will be supported to complete their homework and/ or work on a project of their choice. Again, places must be booked and paid for in advance via the online SchoolMoney system as there is a limit on numbers.

### **Open Mornings**

The school has three Open Mornings arranged for prospective parents. One was this morning and a further two will be on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 9.15am to 10.15am. Please pass on the dates to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

### **Drop Off Arrangements – Messages for the Teacher**

It has been good to see children arriving so sensibly and happily so far this term. 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**

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 for staff only and should never be used by parents unless they have advance permission from the Headteacher. 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. This also includes parents who have children in any of the before or after school clubs (football, gym etc.)

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.

### **School Photos**

These are taking place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

### **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.

### **Trim Trail / Field / Outdoor Cathedral**

Just a reminder that children are not allowed on the trim trail, outdoor equipment or on the school field playing football before or after school due to health and safety reasons. The Outdoor Cathedral is also off limits unless with a member of staff. Please could you ensure that your child is aware of this.

### **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.

Finally, I thought it would be nice for parents to know that the outcome of our Health and Safety Audit from Bucks County Council was good.

Thank you so much for all your understanding during Tuesday's power cut.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher