



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. 2

As I write this newsletter parents are leaving school after Friday morning read-in and the Phonics workshop for parents. It is lovely to see so many parents coming into school and supporting their children. There will be a letter shortly about another phonics meeting and workshop for Reception and year 1 and Friday read-ins will continue until the end of term.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal 2019

Over the last few years the school has supported the Great Missenden Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal. This worthy cause provides gift boxes to highly deprived children, extremely poor families, street children in the big cities or children in highly deprived schools. The gift of a shoebox is a drop of happiness to some people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody somewhere cares. We would like all boxes to be returned to school by **Monday, 21st October** please. There are a few spare boxes in the office if any parent would like to make up another box.

School Photographs (Individual)

These will be taking place on Friday, 18th October and will be for Hawridge & Cholesbury school children only (no younger siblings this year).

School Christmas Cards

Please help us raise money for our school by kindly ordering cards, tags, mugs, tea towels or even bags this year. The deadline for ordering is TUESDAY 15TH of October, please return order slips and money in a sealed envelope (cash or cheque made payable to Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School PSA) to the office. There are a couple of lovely examples of a tea towel and bag in the office if you wish to view before purchase. Please try and stick to the deadline date as this makes the school the highest profit, meaning more equipment for your children.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our helpers for helping to set up the Harvest Festival display with Mrs Bonner, Mrs Wright, Mrs Williams and Mrs Watson and a huge thanks to Mrs Barnes, Mrs McCall and Mr Purvis for delivering the food packages for us the morning after. Of course none of this would be possible without all your donations, so another thank you!

School Trip Permission Slips

Just a reminder that permission slips need to be returned to school, even if you have already paid on line, because it has emergency contact details for the day. We are not able to take children on school trips unless slips have been received.

Birthday Book Donations, 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.

Toys in School

No fidget spinners etc. are allowed in school, unless it's on your child's support plan. Children should not be bringing in any toys at all, unless the teacher has asked children to bring them in for 'show and tell' or for a specific lesson.

Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme

We are delighted to announce that the school is holding another textile collection. On this occasion we hope to raise money to buy each class their own camera. This scheme is designed to help schools to raise funds and to help the environment by diverting discarded, but reusable, textiles away from landfill. The more you fill up the bag the more the school can raise and you can also use additional black bin bags if required. We receive a competitive rate of up to 60p per kilo. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise eco-friendly awareness amongst children. The Happy School Bag van will collect from school on Wednesday, 23rd October 2019 at 9am. Please bring all your bags to the patch of grass next to the pond between 8.30am and help us have an amazing collection.

Rainy Weather

As the weather starts to turn more wintery, please remember to send your children into school wearing a coat. Unless it is absolutely torrential rain they do go outside at both break and lunchtime. Talking of rain, parents will need to bring brollies Monday if it is rainy because the gazebo is being taken down due to health and safety reasons. It will be missed.

Gaming

Please ensure your child is only playing age-appropriate games on electronic devices and computers. If we are informed of a child who is playing a game that is not age-appropriate then we will consider it a safeguarding issue and it will be reported as such in our Safeguarding file.

Finally, I am thrilled to be able to commend our year 4 children for their excellent behaviour at the Basketball Festival, which was held at Dr Challoner's High School last week. The organisers made a point of saying how brilliant they were and how organised. Well done Year 4, I am very proud of you all.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher