



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. 5**

It's so nice to finish school for the Easter holidays on a nice sunny afternoon. Let's hope the sun continues to shine, but the temperature gets a little warmer for the next two weeks. Thank you to Mrs Jones for putting out some of the huge amount of lost property and for then packing it back up again to take some of it home to wash.

**RE Afternoon**

We will be holding our RE afternoon on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Parents are invited to join their children in class at 1.05pm and explore 'Easter around the World'. If anyone has any knowledge or experience to share for this special afternoon, please speak to the class teacher, Mrs White or myself.

**Computing and Log Cabin**

We are hoping to gradually replace some of our now rather outdated ICT equipment. If you know of any businesses who would be willing to sponsor a new interactive whiteboard for a classroom (approx. £2700) or another piece of equipment please let myself, Mrs Jones, Mrs Kretschmer or Katherine Hicks (Lulu's mum in Windmills) know.

We would also like to extend our additional teaching spaces and would love to have a large log cabin or equivalent to use for small group work etc. If you know any businesses who may be willing to sponsor this in any way, please speak to myself, Katherine Hicks or Mrs Jones in the office.

**Mothering Service – led by KS1**

We had a fantastic turnout of parents for our Mothering Service. It's always so exciting for the children to have parents watching their special assemblies.

**Carpet Offcuts**

Many thanks to Mr Kane, who donated a huge piece of carpet. It is much appreciated.

## **Visitors to our School.**

This term we have had a number of visitors. I thought you might like to hear about some of the things they said about our lovely school.

Toby Long (Diocese Adviser) visited at the beginning of this half term and spotted children in Early Years 'supporting one another with phonics during independent work' and children '(particularly boys) were confident to write using phonic knowledge and classroom displays to support.' He also commented on the 'exciting and rich outdoor environment'. In Key Stage 1 he commented on children having a 'purposeful buzz' and was impressed with the use of learning outside.

Lucky Khera (Herts Early Years Advisor) visited at a similar time and commented on the 'interactive displays that reflected current learning' and the creative learning spaces 'to engage children examples include the 'fairy garden', 'mud kitchen' and growing area.'

Marc Boucherat (Herts School Improvement Partner) commented during his visit at the beginning of February on the impact of our FRESH curriculum in boosting and maintaining professional morale, quality learning and engagement and enjoyment of the whole school community.'

Stephanie Hilder (Literacy Consultant) commented on the 'imaginative and engaging use of space and drama to support children with the motivation and material to write' when she visited us in February. She also noticed strong and highly motivating contexts for children to develop writing skills.

## **Parent View**

Just a reminder that parents are always welcome to give their view of our school on the government Ofsted site. The link is as follows:- <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## **Small Plant Pots**

We are looking for donations of small (10cm diameter or less) plant pots for growing our plants to sell on our Plant Sale day (Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May).

## **Family Events**

We are an inclusive school and we welcome families to join us for various events over the year including Kith and Kin, Read-ins, school plays, special assemblies etc. We hope that you will all feel welcome to join us for these special family occasions. Naturally we welcome parents with feeding infants and hope that you will feel welcome to feed your child whilst at these events in whichever way is right for your family.

Finally, have a lovely Easter break with lots of rest and reading!

Kind regards  
Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher