



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

It's so nice for the children to have lovely weather in the first term back. Lunchtimes are spent on the field and it feels like summer is still here. It was great to see so many parents joining in with our annual bulb planting. It's so exciting for the children to see flowers appear in the Spring that they have helped to plant.

Special Welcome to ...

A warm welcome our new reception children: Theo A, Thomas, George D, Elsie, Zara, Bess, Ada-Rose, George H, Rizwan, Olivia, Maisie, Grace, Jessica, Teddy, Ella, Iris, Amelia, Dolly, Ellie, George, Niah, Eliza, Bonnie, Alfie, Abigail, James and Abdul Rafay, plus a special welcome to children who have joined our older classes: Senuki and Freya (Y3), Zachary (Y4), Rebecca and Abdul (Y5).

We have also welcomed two new teachers: Mrs Jemma Wale, who is joining us from Ashmead School in Aylesbury where she has been a tutor for trainee teachers and Mrs Jillian Walker, who has also been at Ashmead and who some of our families will remember from her placement with us in Year 2 earlier this year.

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.

Ear Piercings

Please remember that if your child has pierced ears, then you need to provide micropore tape for them for PE and Games lessons. A roll in their PE bag should last a good few months. School are not able to provide tape in school and children with earrings cannot do PE/Games without pierced ears being taped.

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.

Open Afternoons 1.30pm – 2.30pm

The school has two Open Afternoons arranged for prospective parents: Thursday, 7th November 2019 and Wednesday, 8th January 2020. Please pass on the dates to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

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

Mrs Ditta offers 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 Miss Smith and Miss James. 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.

Children entitled to PPG are allowed one free Homework Club and Story Start per week. Please speak to your teacher if you are not sure and remember that PPG places need to be booked through the office at least one day in advance.

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. .

Parking

Unfortunately we are still having justified complaints from local residents about a number of our parents who are still parking on the Common. Please do not park on the Common.

Drop Off Zone

Please remember that the drop off zone is ONLY for dropping off and not for parking. Please be courteous to our residents and, of course, other parents who also wish to use the drop off zone in the mornings. This morning a car was parked in the drop off zone for the whole drop off period! For parents who are unsure, the drop off zone is between the two drop off signs and not just the layby area.

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.) *Please do not drive into the carpark to turn round!*

Water Bottles

Every child should have a water bottle in school filled with water please. No juice and absolutely no medication should be put into the water (laxative). Water bottles will be checked next week and any bottles containing any other fluids will be thrown away for the safety of other children in the school.

Medication

If your child is in need of medication during school hours it must be prescribed by a doctor. School will only administer medication from a prescribed bottle or packet with the prescription label on it and parents will need to complete a medicine form from the office. The medicine will then be locked away until administered by the relevant member of staff.

Finally, just a reminder that every child should have a named pair of wellington boots in school please, so they can make the most of our beautiful grounds whatever the weather! I hope to see many of you Monday morning for our first Kith and Kin of the academic year.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher