



## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK**

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Dear Parents

This half term's value is **Respect**

### **Autumn Term Newsletter No. 4**

Half term is here and I hope that all our children, parents and staff have a relaxing but fun break. It has been a long busy term, but I look forward to returning on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October when we will be starting to practise for our KS1 Nativity, KS2 Christmas Carol Service and generally having a fun half term before the Christmas break!

### **Before and After School Provision**

Just a reminder that we are still running 'Story Start' before school from 8.15am and 'Homework/Project Club' after school until 4.30pm. Both clubs are available to all children for a small fee which also includes a snack and a drink.

#### **Homework/ Project Club 3pm/ 3.15pm – 4.30pm - £3 per child for this term only**

If your child is going to attend the Homework Club, please send £3 to the office in the morning. Please also note that the cost of this club will be increasing after Christmas.

### **Camarilla Ensemble Concert – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

One of our parents is a member of a fabulous Wind Quintet (Camarilla Ensemble) and they are putting on an evening of chamber music to raise funds for a new playground for our school. Camarilla Ensemble's concert will be at St Leonard's Church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm. Their programme includes works by Mozart, Ravel and Jenkins and you can buy tickets (£12 each) from Hannah Lane on: [hannahcmlane@gmail.com](mailto:hannahcmlane@gmail.com) or 01494 758238.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Thank you to all parents who donated bottles or luxury hamper items today for our Christmas Bazaar, which will be on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 from 11am – 2pm. Last year over £2,000 was raised for our school which was spent on an iPad for each class. The PSA always runs a fabulous day with loads of help from both parents and staff, so please keep an eye out for their next letter and if you are able to help out on the day it's a great way to get that Christmassy feeling!

### **Backpacks/Rucksacks**

Thank you to the parents and children who have stopped bringing rucksacks to school. Whilst I completely understand the reasons why back packs are used, we unfortunately do not have the space in the cloakrooms and they cause other items to fall off (putting them at risk of getting lost and being a trip hazard). However, after due consideration, I have agreed to Year 6 being allowed to bring a ruck sack on a trial basis for the first two weeks after half term. This is due to the space in the cloakroom and the fact that they are also allowed to bring in pencil cases, giving them an extra item to carry. If the cloakroom is kept tidy for these two weeks then Y6 will be given permission to continue with this privilege. Please can I once again request that all other children do not bring backpacks to school. At the moment a lot of children are continuing to bring them and it is unfair on those who are following this request.

**Rotary Club Shoeboxes**

The organisers were thrilled when they came to collect the boxes and saw that over 50 had been sent into school for this very worthy cause.

**School Photos**

The school photos have been sent out and we have had nothing but compliments about them this year which is great to hear. Please return all orders to school by Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Maths Mastery Workshop for Parents – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 8.30am – 9.30am**

Our next workshop for parents is 'Maths Mastery' and is open to all our parents. There will be a short workshop in the hall until 9am and then parents are invited to go into their child's classroom until 9.30am to help with their maths. We do hope that there will be a good turnout.

**Open Morning: Thursday 17th November from 9.15am to 10.15am.**

The school has one more Open Morning arranged for prospective parents. Please pass on the date to any of your friends who might want to visit our school.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher