



## 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

17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents

This half term's value is: **Understanding**

#### **Summer Term Newsletter No. 2**

Just a reminder that the Spring Fayre is on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May from 11am-2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us, so please bring along friends and relatives. The weather promises to be warm and sunny and we are showing a live screening of the royal wedding, so nobody will miss seeing it.

#### **Pond Working Party**

A huge thank you to all the kind and willing volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday (in the rain) to help to develop our pond area. Thanks to their enthusiasm, hard work and expertise, we even managed to landscape the area surrounding the pond. We look forward to many happy lessons in the area once the grass has grown and the pond life established itself.

#### **Bark Spreading**

We were unfortunately very short of volunteers for our annual bark-spreading so thank you so much to Mrs Nash, Mrs Watson and Mr Young. Now the children have a safer and softer environment to play in.

#### **Tough Mudder**

Mrs Alford has now taken part in Tough Mudder and has reached her goal of £1200 to fund our school AED (Automated external defibrillator). A massive thank you to Mrs Alford and to everyone who have supported this worthy cause. If you would still like to donate please follow the link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hawridgeandcholesburyschool?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=NY8w87R5Y](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hawridgeandcholesburyschool?utm_id=2&utm_term=NY8w87R5Y)

#### **Plant Sale**

We are holding our annual plant sale on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Each class has planted their seeds so that we have plants ready to sell. Please could parents bring their donated plants to the Y2 area on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May for the sale on the Tuesday. Also, any donations of small plant pots and carrier bags would be greatly appreciated from now on. All plants will be 50p each, so each child will need to bring their 50p into school in a sealed and named envelope.

#### **Carnival Craft Sessions**

Thank you to everyone who came to the first session on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The next sessions are Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. These craft sessions are in preparation for the Chesham Carnival (Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June) and all parents are welcome to join in the fun.

**PAFT (Parents as First Teachers)**

There will be another coffee morning on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May for any parent who wishes to attend with their pre school child(ren). There will be short talk on 'Managing Challenging Behaviour' followed by coffee, cake and time to chat and play. It will run from 9am to 10.15am and all are most welcome to join us.

**Class Photos**

Are taking place on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, so please ensure your child is wearing their school tie and jumper/cardigan (or summer uniform).

**Gates**

The pedestrian gates are now being closed at 3.30pm each day. The gate by the front door will be opened again at 4pm for collection from clubs. The car park gate needs to be kept closed each morning and at the end of the day. Thank you for helping ensure our site is a safe place for our school community.

**Class Reps' Tea Feedback and Reading Research**

Thank you to the class reps who came to meet with me last Friday and share thoughts about the school and how we can work together to support the children. It was a positive meeting, although a shame that only three classes were represented.

Staff asked that all parents hear their child read at least five times a week. It is a (not unsurprising) well-established fact that hearing children read really does lead to better reading. Miss Smith, our English coordinator, has carried out some research on the children at this school to see whether those who read five times a week are more likely to achieve age-related expectations or above, than those who do not. In every class including year 5 and 6 this is shown to be the case. A request has made for the reward to be re-introduced for children who consistently read more than five times a week and I will be talking to children about what we can do for this. I understand that pizza went down very well!

We would also like to make better use of our school library and I am very grateful to Mrs Davies and Mrs Watson have agreed to coordinate some librarians to help manage this on a Friday afternoon. Some areas were raised relating to specific classes and these will be fed back to them directly.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre on Saturday!

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips  
Headteacher