

### 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: Responsibility

#### Spring Term Newsletter No. 4

The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up last week and the dressed-up potatoes that were brought into school were absolutely fabulous. I was so impressed with the enthusiasm for this special day and how the older children helped our younger children by reading to them and helping them to feel part of the World Book Day Quiz. A big thank you to Mrs Hardy and all the staff for organising a very successful and fun day. Thank you for all your donations of books and toys too.

#### **Competition Winners**

The winners of the best-dressed potatoes were Kyron Hills (Y1) for his Despicable Me Minion and Rio Clark (Y5) for his Daft Tater!

#### KS2 and KS1 SATs Information Meetings - Wednesday, 15th March

KS2 – Wednesday, 15th March 2017 6.30pm – 7.00pm KS1 – Wednesday, 15th March 2017 7.00pm – 7.30pm All parents are invited to attend either of these meetings, but we would be grateful if you could return the reply slip so we have an idea of numbers.

# Handwriting Workshop - Thursday, 16th March 8.30am-9.20am

Handwriting is a priority for us, as it is part of the criteria we work against when assessing pupils. Good, fluent handwriting is something which will support your child's progress in their studies and we have some top tips and suggestions to help you support your child with their handwriting throughout their time at Hawridge & Cholesbury. The workshop will be held in the hall from 8.30am-9am and then parents will join their children in their classroom from 9am-9.20am.

#### Mothering Service – led by KS1

Our service this year is on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.15pm. All parents are invited although the Service will be led by KS1 on this occasion.

#### **Easter Gardens**

As we approach this important time in the church calendar, we would like to invite all children to create an Easter garden. Easter gardens are a fun and easy way to focus on and learn about

Easter. The following link helps to explain more about Easter gardens and you and your child may enjoy watching it together. <u>http://request.org.uk/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/</u> Completed Easter gardens may be brought in to school the first week back after the Easter weekend (20<sup>th</sup> April) where they will displayed for all to see. Additionally all who take part will be awarded 10 house points.

# **Driveway and Drop-off**

Please note that nobody should be coming up the driveway unless they have permission to come into the carpark (staff and disabled badge holders). Please do not come up to the locked gate to drop your child off and then reverse back down the drive. Another reminder please is that cars should not be parking/dropping off on the yellow zigzags outside the school entrance or parking between the two Drop Off zone signs. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe by supporting this.

### **Traffic Working Party**

Last year with the support of our neighbours, we were able to make significant changes to our school access which have undoubtedly made it safer for families to come to and from school. However, the issues are not straight forward or easy to solve and concerns still remain. If you are interested in joining the working party please let the school office know by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to hold another meeting shortly after that. Many thanks.

### Signing In and Out Book

It is essential that parents sign the Sign In (small green) or Sign Out (small red) book if their child comes in or out of school between the hours of 9am-3.15pm. These books are used when we have fire drills and lockdown practices and of course should there be a real emergency.

Mrs R Phillips Headteacher