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*Be strong and  
courageous.....for  
the Lord your God is  
with you*

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Newsletter No 2

Dear Parent/Carer



It has been a very positive start to the autumn term, the children have come in motivated and enthusiastic about their learning. Please visit the class pages to see photographs of what the children have been learning so far.

### Christian Values for Living

As a church school we have developed our own set of 'Christian Values for Living' that underpin all we do as a school. We have 6 Christian values and they are displayed in all classrooms and key areas in the school.



Even though Christian values are spiritual in nature, the evidence of these values comes through deeds and actions - they should be apparent in all we do and say

Each half term we choose a Christian Value as our whole school focus. These are shared through whole school collective worship and incorporated into the curriculum so the children have opportunities to develop an understanding of how the presence of these values has a positive impact on their lives and learning as well as those around them.

Our half term value is 'Hope'



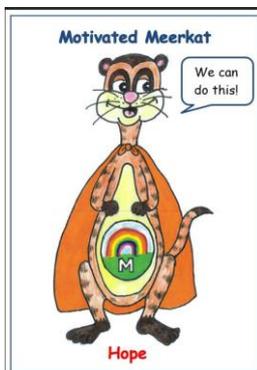
This half term we are focusing on the Christian Value 'Hope' The Bible says there are three important things in life: love, trust (faith) and hope.

*'Hope is believing that good things will happen.' We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. (Psalm 33:20)*

### Behaviours for Learning

At HWCE, we teach our children about six behaviours that we believe are essential for optimising their learning potential. We teach our children what each learning behaviour means and give them examples of the behaviour in action. Our aim is to show children the importance of each behaviour and help them become '**strong and courageous**' learners.

We have six learning behaviours that are introduced to the children at the beginning of a new half term in their class collective worship and incorporated into the curriculum so the children have opportunities to develop an understanding of how each behaviour has a positive impact on their learning experience. We have created 'Vision Characters' in order to help our children understand the learning behaviours. Each value is also linked to one of our six Christian Values.



**Our Behaviour for Learning is: 'Motivated' and our Vision Character is: 'Motivated Meerkat'**

### Harvest Festival – Thursday 03 October 2024 - All Saints Church at 2.00pm

We are pleased to invite you to our Harvest Festival celebration at All Saints Church on Thursday 3rd October at 2pm.



Year 2 have chosen to support the One Can Trust for their Courageous Advocacy Project. They will be collecting donations throughout the Harvest period, and taking it to the warehouse. If you can, we would appreciate any donations of food and toiletries for the One Can Trust. Year 2 will be collecting these from 4th – 18th October 2024 - please give donations to your class teacher.

### Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Mr Smith is our SENCO and he will be working with staff and local agencies to ensure the individual needs of children in the school are met. However, your first port of call should always be the class teacher as they know your child best and he/she will discuss any concerns shared with the SENCO.

If you need to speak to Mr Smith with regard to Special Educational Needs (SEN) then please contact him via his SEN email [senco@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:senco@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk)



If you are unsure as to how the process works regarding talking to the school about your child's specific needs then please visit the school website and read the 'SEN Information' which details the schools processes. (<https://www.hwce.co.uk/send/>)

### Class Teacher Release Time

During the school year there will be times when your class teacher will not be teaching your children, there are a number of reasons for this and I thought it might be helpful to explain these to you.

### Planning Preparation and Assessment - PPA

As a school we provide a minimum of 10% guaranteed Planning Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) for all teachers. The purpose of guaranteed PPA time is to enable teachers to raise standards through a combination of individual or collaborative professional activity. It is also intended to improve teacher's work/life balance. As a school we have built this cover in using existing staff in the school, therefore this will always be the same teacher for each year group.

### Courses

From time to time staff will need to attend courses related to their Year Group, Key Stage or perhaps their Curriculum Specialism and as a school we will need to cover the class. In an ideal world we would like to choose someone known to the children and school but sometimes this is not possible. We will always try the staff known to us first but unfortunately, we do not have the guarantee they will always be available.

### Staff illness

If a member of staff is unwell we will also follow the above-mentioned procedure.

### Class Assemblies

Each class will be putting on an assembly on a Friday afternoon at (2.45 – 3.10) during the year to which parents will be invited. Invitations are sent out by each class prior to their turn. The planned dates for this academic year are on the school calendar and detailed below:

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
18 October Year 4	31 January – Year 3	16 May - Year 2
	7 March - Year 1	20 June – Year R
	21 March – Year 5	

I hope you will be able to join us as class assemblies make for very special occasions and an audience certainly adds to the atmosphere.

### Schools use of Social media



### How to follow us

We have set up a number of social media sites so that no matter what your preference is you can stay in touch via these platforms. If you don't use social media, all the same information will still be shared and publicised on our website.



## Next steps

We are looking forward to being able to share more photos with yourselves and the wider world and promote the wonderful activities that we do at High Wycombe Church of England School.

## School Council

Each Year we hold elections for School Council Representatives, Year 2 children are nominated by the class teacher and KS2 children are elected

**This year our Reps are as follows:**

CLASS	SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE 1	SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE 2
Y2 - SWALLOWS	Grace	Robbie
Y3 - KITES	Joshua	Olanna
Y4 - HAWKS	Claudia	Arthur
Y5 - EAGLES	Isla	Joel
Y6 - OWLS	Melinda	Finley

## Worship Leaders

CLASS	WORSHIP LEADER 1	WORSHIP LEADER 2
YEAR 1 - ROBINS	Gabriella F	Sonny
YEAR 2 - SWALLOWS	William	Matylda
YEAR 3 - KITES	Jedi	Daisy
YEAR 4 - HAWKS	Anna	Ellis
YEAR5 - EAGLES	Stephanie	Davi - Lucca
YEAR6 - OWLS	Evelyn	Robert

## Eco Leaders

This year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home. As an eco-committee, we will choose an environmental issue we would like to tackle. We will decide what actions to take and how to involve their school and community.



CLASS	ECO LEADER
YEAR 1 - ROBINS	Gabriella C
YEAR 2 - SWALLOWS	Aadam W
YEAR 3 - KITES	Dylan T
YEAR 4 - HAWKS	Jonah
YEAR5 - EAGLES	Mirai
YEAR6 - OWLS	James R

### Sports Leaders

We are delighted to announce the Year 6s who will be Sports Leaders for this academic year. All of them completed excellent applications before the summer break and demonstrated a great maturity which we believe they will bring to the role. They will be taking on extra responsibilities in leading their houses and encouraging all their teammates to strive for success and fair play. We are sure they will great role models for their peers and ambassadors for our school.

HOUSE	SPORTS LEADER 1	SPORTS LEADER 2
RIDERS	Isaac	Hannah
SKATERS	Jerry	Bella
SURFERS	Gervas	Laiba
BIKERS	Alfie	Amira

### Nut Free School

I would like to reiterate that we are a nut free school and that it is absolutely essential that snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts in any form. We have children in school who have nut allergies and for these children exposure to nuts can be very serious. Please be aware that this includes but is not limited to any form of hazelnut chocolate spread such as Nutella, Kinder Bueno, cashew nuts, peanuts and peanut butter.

### Cake Sale – Change of Dates

**Thank you to all the parents who sent in cakes for the cake sale last week.**

Please note that we have moved the Cake Sales from a Tuesday to a Wednesday

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Y1, 2, 4 and 6	24/09/24	29/01/25	21/05/25
YR/3 and 5	06/11/24	05/03/25	18/06/25

### Station Adoption Project

Please see attached some information that I have been asked to share with you.



## **Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

The Governors are seeking to employ an enthusiastic, flexible, self-motivated and caring person to work as a midday supervisor. You will work with a team of Midday Supervisors during the lunchtime. The role involves supervising and interacting with pupils while they eat lunch, accompanying them onto the playground, assisting with playground games and activities, maintaining high standards of behaviour, and setting up and clearing away of lunch time equipment

**If you are interested in this position or if you know a family member or friend who may be interested, full details and an application form are available on our website**

**Please do also speak to Ruth Moorhouse in the office if you have any questions.**

### **A few date reminders**

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| • Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                                | Harvest Festival at All Saints           |
| • Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> October                               | Tea and Talk                             |
| • Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October                              | Transfer Test Results                    |
| • Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> October to Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 6 Assessment Week                   |
| • Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                | Y2 Trip to Wagamama                      |
| • Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October                               | Y1 Trip to Wagamama                      |
| • Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October                              | Year 6 Doughnut Sale for PGL             |
| • Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October                              | Break up for Half Term 3.15pm            |
| • Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                              | Back to School                           |
| • Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Cake Sale – Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 |

Yours sincerely,



Celine Hawkins  
Headteacher



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