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

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Headteacher's Newsletter No 8

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a wonderful start to the half term, it has already been a busy couple of weeks, highlights include the Reception class trip to Hogshaw Farm, Year 3 trip to The Living Rainforest, EYFS Communication week, World Book Day and the enthusiasm of Year 5 regarding their 'Traffic Chaos' Courageous Advocacy project. Have you been following us on Social Media to see all that has been going on?

### **Lent**

We thought we might look at Lent slightly differently this year. We thought that instead of doing the daily challenges that we have done for the last few years that we would give each Courageous Advocacy Project a focus week and ask the rest of the school to support that project as directed by the Project's class teacher. Our theme is still Generosity and giving back to our community as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

### **Lent Timetable**

- Week 1 (19<sup>th</sup> Feb) - Year 6 - Improving our school grounds
- Week 2 (26<sup>th</sup> Feb) - Year 5 - traffic chaos
- Week 3 (4<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 4 - Tom Burts Hill
- Week 4 (11<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 3 - Trees, trees, trees
- Week 5 (18<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 2 - Cost of Living Crisis
- Week 6 (25<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 1 - Hedgehogs

The story of Easter and preparation for Easter will be covered in Clergy Assemblies and responded to in Class Collective Worship on Wednesdays. We will then all gather at All Saints Church to take part in our Easter Assembly.



# Christian Value for Living and Behaviour for Learning

This half term our Christian Value is:  
**'Forgiveness'**

**TALK ABOUT FORGIVENESS TOGETHER.**

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you

Our Behaviour for Learning is: **'Resilience'** and our Vision Character is: **'Bounce Back Badger'**



## World Book Day – 07 March



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we all joined in with World Book day celebrations! During the day, the children took part in several activities to celebrate reading and develop further our culture of reading for pleasure. Classes joined their 'buddy' classes for joint activities, teachers swapped classes to share stories, the whole school completed art activities to decorate our library and of course lots of **BOOK TALK!** Staff gave out golden tickets throughout the week for fantastic work, enthusiastic reading and brilliant behaviour. These special golden tickets were worth 10 dojo points each so the children were keen to be awarded one!

### Dress up as your favourite book character and donate £1 to World Book Aid!

The Children (and staff!) dressed up as their favourite book character for the day and the £1 donation to World Book Aid will help World Book Aid to send books to schools in Africa.



We managed to raise: £137.11



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Facebook: [Facebook.com/pg/HighWycombeCofE](https://www.facebook.com/pg/HighWycombeCofE)

Twitter: [@HWCESchool](https://twitter.com/HWCESchool)



## World Book Week Tokens

On Thursday, the children came home with a World Book Day token which can be exchanged for a special World Book Day book or put towards a book of your choice. The token may be used at our Roving Book Fair on Friday 22nd March or in a participating book shop. If you choose not to use your token, we would gratefully receive them back in school.

## Parents Evening - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening is due to take place at school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. You have already received your invite and the booking portal has now closed. If you have not booked an appointment yet or have any queries, please contact the office.

## Easter Service – Wednesday 27 March 2.00pm



Just to remind everyone we are holding our Easter service at All Saints Church on **Wednesday 27 March** and it would be very nice if as many of you as possible could join us for this end of term service.

If you are able to help with walking to and from the church, please contact the office. Parking will be available from 1.30pm on the top playground for those of you helping to walk down to the church.

## Fresh Start Hot School Meal Service



[www.freshstartcatering.uk](http://www.freshstartcatering.uk)

Fresh Start have smoothly taken over our hot school meal service and the smell of home cooked food in the corridor is very tempting! It has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for the new lunch menu and I have received really good feedback.

## Religious dietary requirements

I wanted to bring to your attention the option to add children's religious dietary requirements on Fresh Start's online *Meal Manager*. We have spoken to Fresh Start who have advised to select that your child has an allergy, then click the option 'other' and write the dietary need eg Halal. The child will be given a white band so that the kitchen staff are aware of this dietary requirement when serving food. This is particularly applicable to the deli counter, where children have a selection of options to choose from, including items such as ham

## Godly Play – Week beginning 18 March



Towards the end of term, Mrs Bromley will be in school delivering Godly Play lessons to each class. Below is an overview of Godly Play and what is being covered this week.

Godly Play is a child centered, “wondering” approach to RE teaching. It encourages, challenges and nourishes their spiritual quest as well as enriching their biblical knowledge. Stories are shared using



plain wooden figures and simple scripts, the children are then given the opportunity to question and respond through discussion, play and art.

The children at HWCE School have one session of Godly Play each term. This term the following stories are being shared with the children:

- Noah's Ark (Early Years)
- Moses (Year 1)
- Feeding the 5000 (Year 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Exile and Return (Year 6)

A description of the stories covered by the children in their Godly Play sessions will be on the school website in: **Home, About Us, Collective Worship.** At the end of the week photographs of the children will also be added.

### **MMR Vaccinations**

As you may have seen in the news recently, there has been a decrease in the number of children protected against Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Please see below a link for further information which I would urge you to read and consider if your child is amongst those who have not received MMR vaccinations.

**[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)**

### **End of Term**

The school will be closing on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. We reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 08.45 am.

### **A few date reminders**

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| • Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | Godly Play Week                  |
| • Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Parents Evening 4 – 7 pm         |
| • Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Parents Evening 4 – 6.30pm       |
| • Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                     | Roving Book Fair                 |
| • Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Easter Service at All Saints 2pm |
| • Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                   | Friends Easter Egg Hunt          |
| • Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                   | End of Term 1.30 pm              |
| • Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Summer Term starts               |

Yours sincerely



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