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

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Tuesday 03 October 2023

Newsletter No 3

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.

### **Message from the Chair of Governors**

It is a great privilege to write this message to you – my first as newly elected Chair of Governors. Having enjoyed the privilege of acting as a Governor for the past 6 years I look forward to continuing my work with the school in my new role. Many thanks to Carla Crighton who has acted as Chair for the past 2 years and Scott Moffat who was vice chair but continues to support the school as a Governor. The school year has got off to a fantastic start with work being done over the summer to the playground to help keep our children entertained and active during their school lessons and break times. It is wonderful to see the peer mentoring scheme that was introduced last year continue this year. This really gives an opportunity for students to develop their listening and mental health skills. This is a busy school term with still lots to look forward to in the rest of the term with our Harvest Service, Black History Month, Christmas fete, and Nativity to name but a few. The school is very fortunate to have excellent teachers with a passion for teaching students. I would also like to thank all parents and their families for their ongoing support of the school. My thanks are extended to those who have contributed to the Friends committee. If you would like to volunteer with the friends then they would love more people to join them, please contact the office for more details.

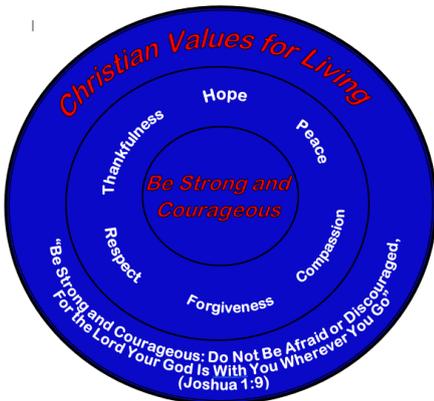
On behalf of all the Governors, I wish you all the best at the start of the school year.

**Holly Robertshaw**  
**Chair of Governors**



## ‘Christian Values for Living’

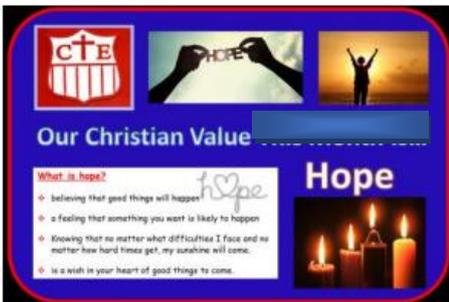
As a church school we have developed our own set of ‘Christian Values for Living’ that underpin all we do as a school. We have 6 Christian values and they are displayed in all classrooms and key areas in the school.



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’



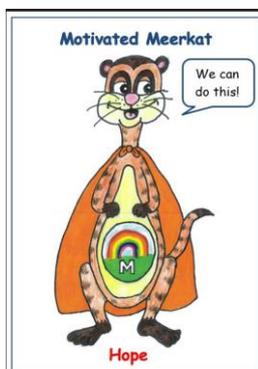
This half term we are focusing on the Christian Value ‘Hope’ The Bible says there are three important things in life: love, trust (faith) and hope.

*‘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 05 October 2023 - All Saints Church at 2.00pm



We are pleased to invite you to our Harvest Festival celebration at All Saints Church on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2nd – 20th October 2023 - 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 again we will follow the above-mentioned procedure.

### Growth Mindset

At HWCE we promote a growth mindset attitude to learning. We can either have a Fixed Mindset where we let failure (or even success) define who we are, or a Growth Mindset where we see setbacks as opportunities to grow and improve



For further information, see the Growth Mindset Section under Curriculum on the website: <https://highwycombecombinedschool.secure-primariesite.net/growth-mindset/>

### 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
13 October Year 5	26 January – Year 2	17 May - Year 3
17 November – Year 1	15 March - Year 4	21 June – Year R

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



The school has a number of social network sites and although we are still in the early stages of using social media we have received some positive feedback.

### 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. We hope that you embrace this side of school life.

### 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	Ezra K	Zara D
Y3 - KITES	Mele	Ellis
Y4 - HAWKS	Lois W	Judah
Y5 - EAGLES	Jerry	Evelyn
Y6 - OWLS	Amira A	Noah S



## Worship Leaders

CLASS	WORSHIP LEADER 1	WORSHIP LEADER 2
YEAR 1 - ROBINS	Lexi	Sam
YEAR 2 - SWALLOWS	Josh	Olanna
YEAR 3 - KITES	Bella S	Arthur
YEAR 4 - HAWKS	Eshaal	Flynn
YEARS 5 - EAGLES	Megan	Alfie
YEAR 6 - OWLS	Christine	Harry

## 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 be great role models for their peers and ambassadors for our school.

HOUSE	SPORTS LEADER 1	SPORTS LEADER 2
RIDERS	Alex C	Keira
SKATERS	Reuben	Lois
SURFERS	Jesse	Ella
BIKERS	Khyan	Emily

## 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.

## Friends Newsletter

The newsletter is always full of useful information and gives us a good feel for what the Friends are trying to achieve and how you can be involved.

The Friends have asked me to remind you to visit the website or more information of events and activities you can support and get involved in. (<https://www.hwce.co.uk/friends/>)



## A few date reminders

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Harvest Festival 2pm All Saints Church  
Transfer Test Results  
Year 5 Class Assembly 2.45pm  
Year 6 Assessment Week

School closes 3.15 pm for Half Term Break  
School reopens 8.45am.  
Cake sale Year R,3 and 5  
Open Morning for Prospective Parents  
Year 1 Zoolab Visit

Yours sincerely,



Celine Hawkins  
Headteacher



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