

# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School



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Friday, 19 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school and despite the cold weather the children have enjoyed being outside and watching the progress of the new outdoor classroom! Please do ensure your child brings a coat to school when it is so cold and that they have extra layers if needed.



Jodie Harcourt

Young Voices Concert



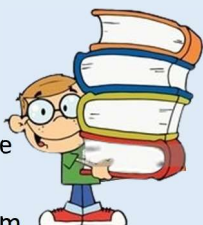
On Wednesday our Young Voices Choir went up to London to sing at the O2 Arena. They had an amazing experience and it has been lovely to receive so many positive messages from parents and wider family members who went up to the Arena to watch.

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Poland who organises this every year, and to Mrs Harper, Miss Harper, Mrs Falkner, Mrs Allen, and Mrs Sullivan who also helped out with choir rehearsals and accompanied the Choir on the day.



Parent Invitation

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, which is the last day of term, we would like to invite parents into school at 2:45pm to go into class and look at your child's books. This will be instead of certificate assembly.



World Book Day

Just to give you plenty of notice, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come dressed as their favourite book character, or an author. Please do not go out and buy expensive costumes for this – get your children to be creative and put together a costume from items you already have at home. There are lots of home-made costume ideas on the internet.



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## Headlice



We appear to have had several cases of headlice spread across the school this term. Please can you ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat any headlice before they come into school.

## Thank you to the office staff



I'd like to give a special thank you to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Allen in the office this week. They work incredibly hard and have had extra pressures this week with the school census having to be completed and ensuring everything is organised and in place for the big trip to the O2 this week.

## Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is



# COURAGE

Please see the attached Homes School Values sheet for ideas on how you can support this theme.



Well Done to the children who were awarded a Certificate of Excellence this week :-

Rainbow - Gwen and Roni

Yr 1 - Antalya and Toby

Yr 2 - Elsie A and Noah

Yr 3 - Clem and Malachi

Yr 4 - April and Nathaniel

Yr 5 - Abigail and Hunter

Yr 6 - Rosy and Mollie

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## Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date	% Change On Last Week	
Year R	93.0	+0.2
Year 1	95.5	+0.2
Year 2	91.9	+0.2
Year 3	93.8	+0.1
Year 4	95.6	-
Year 5	92.7	+0.1
Year 6	95.4	-0.1

The above table shows attendance for the year so far for each class together with a view on how this week has changed from last week. (Green is Good)

This week's winners were again **Red** Class who will receive an extra playtime in the new year.



## Hot Chocolate with Mrs Hacker



Well-done to the children who have been recognised today for demonstrating our school values: Compassion, Hope, and Community.

YrR - Anastazja and Faith

Yr1 - Jacob and Jenson

Yr2 - Abbie and Donnie-Joe

Yr3 - Lola and Lucy

Yr4 - Poppy and Zara-May

Yr5 - Finley and Ian

Yr6 - Cas and Darcie



Community  
Hope  
Compassion

## Forest School



Sessions for Term 3, Week 3 will be:

- Tuesday: Year 3
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1

Please send children to school dressed in their forest school clothes whatever the weather.

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## Outdoor Classroom



Have you been watching the progress of the outdoor classroom when you come and pick your children up?

At the time of writing this newsletter it is looking almost finished and I am hopeful that by the time this newsletter is sent out, it will have been completed. We are very excited to start using this and hope to be able to put photos of the completed work in the newsletter next week.

## After School Clubs

If your child is staying for a club after school, please could we ask that you are here to pick them up on time. We are having an increasing number of children being picked up late. Staff often have meetings to attend after clubs, or have a large amount of marking/work to do, but are sometimes left minding a child for a considerable length of time after the club has finished. We would really appreciate your co-operation with this.

## Kitchen Utensils!



If anyone has any old kitchen utensils such as ladles, spoons, whisks etc that we can have for the mud kitchen please could you drop them in at the office. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

### 29<sup>TH</sup> -31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

- Year 6 Residential

### W/C 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

- Football Week
- Mental Health Week

### 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

- 2:45pm Parents Invited to look at books
- Last Day of Term 3

### 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

- World Book Day

## A Prayer to end the week

We pray for all our teachers and our families.

We pray that school days are filled with fun and great memories.

We pray for cheerful hearts as we journey through this school year, sharing your love and light through our words and deeds.

We pray for those who are sad, sick, or lonely that God will give them hope. Amen.



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This term we will be focussing in school on the value **COURAGE**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK TOGETHER about Courage

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

*Nelson Mandela*



## READ TOGETHER...

### The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

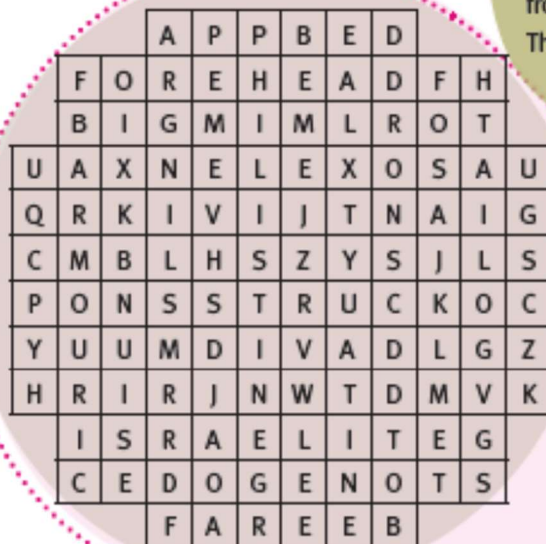
The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides.

This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.



Bible story based on 1 Samuel 17



## QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

ARMOUR

COURAGE

GOLIATH

PHILISTINE

SOLDIER

BOY

FOREHEAD

GOD

SHIELD

STONE

DAVID

GIANT

ISRAELITE

SLING

STRUCK





## FAMILY FOCUS & HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

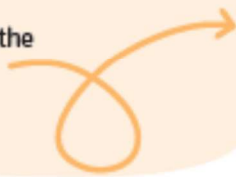


### Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and **courage** in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of **courage** awards' to see some examples.)

Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their **courage**. Remember, there are different kinds of **courage** and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Challenge Gallery at school.



## Example Nomination sheet



Name of child who has shown **courage**

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Has shown **courage** by .....

.....

This bravery should be recognised because .....

.....

.....



## HALL OF FAME

### Bravery v. Slavery



Harriet Tubman was born nearly 200 years ago in Maryland, USA. Her family were slaves which means that they had to work for the people who 'owned' them. Slaves had no pay and no rights and they could be bought or sold like property. As Harriet grew older she was afraid that she would be sold and sent far away from her family to work for strangers. She decided to try to escape. This needed great **courage** because Harriet knew that if she was caught she would be cruelly punished. After many adventures and with the help of kind people along the way, Harriet managed to escape to Canada, where slavery was banned.

It would have been safest for Harriet to stay in Canada and make for herself a comfortable and easier life, but she was determined not to forget her family and friends who still suffered as slaves in America. She made her way back and forth to Maryland not once, but *nineteen times*, facing great danger and showing amazing bravery as she helped slaves to escape to freedom. By the end of her life Harriet had helped to free around 300 slaves!

After her death Harriet received many honours for her bravery. A ship was named after her, and in 1995 the US government issued a postage stamp to celebrate her **courageous** life.



## FASCINATING FACTS

### In case of emergency – Dial 999

"Help...my house is on fire!"

"Help....there's been an accident!"

"Help.... burglars are breaking into the house over the road!"

- The emergency number, 999, was introduced in London in 1937.
- In an emergency, phoning 999 will connect you quickly to an 'emergency control centre'. An operator will ask which service you need, fire, ambulance or police. The operator will be able to track your call to discover where you are and soon help will be on its way.
- Firefighters, police and ambulance crew all risk their own lives on occasions to help other people who are in danger.
- Additional emergency services operate in some places such as mountain and cave rescue, coast guards, air sea rescue.
- Over 30 million 999 calls are made each year.
- About half of all calls are hoaxes. Not only do hoax callers break the law, they put people's lives in danger as it takes longer for real emergencies to be dealt with.

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Heart of Kent Show Choir  
Presents  
**WINTERSONG 24**  
2nd February 7pm  
St Mildreds Church **£10**

Songs by:

**Tenterden**

Billie Eilish

Tori Amos

Sia

Sam Ryder

Celine Dion

Bocelli

Abba



Join the Hearties for an evening of magical music.

Licensed bar, Mulled wine & raffle.

Labrinth

Marisha Wallace

Sara Bareilles

Adele

Leonard Cohen

Ennio Morricone

Sarah McLachlan

Raising vital funds for Cancer Research uk  
Tickets available from:  
Webbs Ironmongers, High St, Tenterden  
Box office. [heartofkentshowchoir.co.uk](http://heartofkentshowchoir.co.uk)

## Looking for practical advice to help you support your child?

Visit Parenting Smart, Place2Be's new site full of practical advice for parents and carers.

[parentingsmart.org.uk](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)



Place2Be, our in-school mental health support service, has a variety of resources to help you support your child's wellbeing. Visit their Parenting Smart website for free practical advice on a range of topics (from bullying, to sleep difficulties). If you're looking for more support on your parenting journey, you could also sign up for their free Parenting Smart - Online Course. Learn more about both of these offers at [place2be.org.uk/family](https://place2be.org.uk/family).

We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. Place2Be's Parenting Smart website offers free practical advice for parents and carers on how to support children's wellbeing.

Learn more at [parentingsmart.org.uk](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)



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Medicine is still taught and practiced based on 19th Century Newtonian thinking & has not embraced the 21st Century Physics of Quantum Mechanics! Since the discovery of Genes, most research has been dominated by the belief that we are victims or benefactors of the genes we inherit, the truth is our health & life outcomes are not governed by genes but by our environment and beliefs! (Dr. Bruce Lipton, Ph.D.)

Saturday 20th January 2024  
2.00 -4.00pm  
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