



# Hawkhurst

## Church of England Primary School

### Newsletter No 21.

Friday, 01 March 2024

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school with lots of creativity and learning.

Please do ensure you read the newsletter each week and make a note of any important dates and events.



Jodie Hare

### School Uniform

A reminder that all children should be in proper school uniform: grey or black skirts, pinafores, shorts or proper trousers (not leggings), white polo shirts and a blue school cardigan or sweatshirt. We are aware that the sweatshirts with the school logo on are not cheap, so a plain sweatshirt or cardigan in the Hawkhurst blue colour is fine (these can be purchased at a reasonable price from Tesco and Asda). If you are unable to provide uniform, please come and speak to us as we have a limited amount of second hand uniform for sale. Children should also be in proper shoes not trainers.



### Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is FORGIVENESS. The children have come up with some really good ideas of what this means and how we can show this in school. Please find some resource sheets attached so that you can support this theme at home.

### Nurture Week 4:

### All behaviour is communication



This week we have been thinking about our behaviour and that the way we behave reflects how we are feeling. Sometimes lots of little things can build up and cause us to react in ways we wouldn't normally. Take time to notice how other people are behaving, how might they be feeling? Is there anything you can do to help them? This is what Year 4 came up with; (picture above)

### Rotary Winners

Last November (that seems a long time ago now) we entered the Rotary Christmas Story competition, along with many other schools in Kent and East Sussex. I am delighted that we have two winners from Hawkhurst.

Congratulations to Esme in Y2 and Isaac in Y4!



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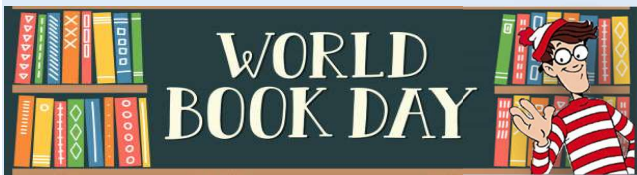
### Easter Service

A reminder that our Easter Service will be held in St Laurence's Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Children will need to be dropped at the Church by 8:45am and all families are welcome to stay and join us for this. We would welcome offers of help to walk back to school with classes at the end.



The new menu for the Spring / Summer Terms 5 & 6 is now available to view on the school website :-

<https://www.hawkhurst.kent.sch.uk/lunch-menu/>



A reminder that next Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> March) is World Book Day and children may come dressed as a character from a book, or dressed in cosy clothes ready for story time.

### PE Kits



Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school weekly. We have an increasing number of children not bringing one in and they are unable to fully participate in PE lessons. PE kits should include appropriate trainers or plimsolls for sports. Please check the lost property box in the Y3/4 cloakroom if your child is missing any components of their PE kit.



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

*Rainbow* - Bonnie-Mai and Tomos

*Yr 1* - Joshua S and Oscar

*Yr 2* - Qailah and Elsie P-J

*Yr 3* - Dennis and Freya

*Yr 4* - Alice and Kennie

*Yr 5* - Artur DS and Matthew

*Yr 6* - Jacob and Riley

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### Attendance



Attendance % School Year to Date		% Change On Last Week
Year R	92.8	-0.4
Year 1	94.3	-0.2
Year 2	91.9	-0.2
Year 3	94.0	+0.1
Year 4	95.4	+0.4
Year 5	93.4	+0.7
Year 6	95.3	+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 *Violet* Class who will receive an extra playtime next week.



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

YrR - Luna and Isaac

Yr1 - Niko and Chloe

Yr2 - Rosie and Daisy

Yr3 - Asnika and Summer

Yr4 - Benji and Millie

Yr5 - Nell and Michael

Yr6 - Quinn and Alfie

### Forest School



Forest School was cancelled this week so we will start again next week with the classes that missed out this week.

Sessions for Term 4, Week 3 will be:

- Tuesday: Year 3
- Wednesday: Rainbow
- Thursday: Year 1 (As this is World Book Day, Y1 may come dressed in their WBD outfits and bring forest school clothes to change into after lunch).



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Compassion Hope Community

### A Prayer of Forgiveness to end the week



Father God, I praise You for Your great and mighty name. I praise you for Your mercy toward us and the complete forgiveness You offer. You promise that when we confess and repent of our sins, You will remove them from us and will remember them no more.

Father, forgiving others the way You do is hard for us humans, but I pray You would instil Your gracious ways within us and teach us how to forgive the way You do, wholly and completely.

I pray You would increase love and gentleness in us all so that we may be able to forgive freely and repeatedly. Do not let bitterness, anger, or revenge take root in our hearts.

Amen.



### Diary Dates

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

- World Book Day

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

- Science Workshop for whole School

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

- Year 5 - Rewind to Easter at Baptist Church

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

- Last Day of Term 4

### Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent from school, please let us know as early as possible either by phone call or through studybugs.

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35am and all children should be in school by 8:45am.

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## TALK TOGETHER about Forgiveness

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

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

*Desmond Tutu*



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it. It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



## READ TOGETHER...

### Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

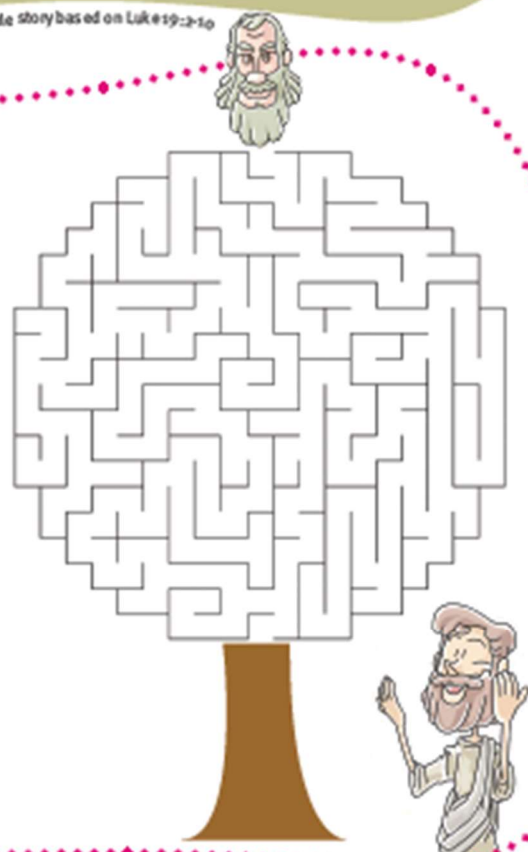
Bible story based on Luke 19:2-10



## QUIZ

### Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.



## ★ HALL OF FAME

### Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



## FASCINATING FACTS

### Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.



The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



### The Jewish New Year Tradition

New Year for Jews normally falls during September. On the first afternoon of the new year, the festival of Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. Families visit a nearby stream, river or even the sea for the ritual of Tashlich (in Hebrew, the language in which the Jews' holy book the Torah was written, Tashlich means throw away).

After a celebration meal Jewish families gather left over breadcrumbs. These crumbs represent the words or deeds that each family member feels sorry about. When the crumbs have been thrown into the water, fish eat them or they are washed away. This symbolises the way that God **forgives** the bad things that people have done and washes them away so that there can be a fresh start for the New Year. During the ceremony the following words from the Torah are read aloud, "You (God) will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our transgressions into the depths of the sea." Micah 7: 19