

Hackthorn Church of England Primary School

September 2022 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Service** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Nurture**.
"Serve one another in love" Galatians 5:13



Dear Parents,

The new academic year has started well, and it feels like our new Reception children have been with us for ages. They have adapted quickly to our routines and are already well established in school.

Normally the first Hackthorn value that we focus on is 'Aspiration' as it seems the most fitting at the start of a new term. However, this year we started with our Christian value of 'Service,' which is linked to our Hackthorn value of 'Nurture' and it could not have been more apt, in light of the Queen's passing. As a school we held a very special assembly, which reflected on Her Majesty's lifetime of dedication and *service* to the people of the UK and the Commonwealth. The children were extremely respectful, and it inspired them to think of ways they could serve their school community. At the time of writing many are preparing speeches to be on School Council or Collective Worship Council.

We are also thinking about how we can serve our local and global communities by raising funds for charities or donating to foodbanks and the Nomad Trust as part of our Harvest preparations. We will be holding our Harvest service in the church on 21 October at 2pm. You are welcome to join us.

During the summer, many of our pupils participated in the Charity Amateur Theatrical Society's production of 'Hot summer nights' at the LPAC theatre to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer. Most of Hackthorn staff attended the Friday performance and thoroughly enjoyed the confident, talented performances of our pupils, who danced and sang songs from a range of musicals and genres. We were immensely proud of them all and especially of Mrs Dodson who directed many of the routines.

There are requests for forms and also some general reminders about procedures included in this newsletter. We would be grateful if you would return your completed forms by the set dates.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher

Absence

If you need to request absence for medical or other reasons, you **MUST** complete a 'Request of Absence' form. Copies of this can also be requested from the front office or downloaded from the school website.

Naming Clothes

Please can you ensure that every item of your children's clothing, particularly PE kit, is named with their full name (including plimsolls) in order to alleviate their anxiety if they misplace items. Marking in biro is not recommended as it easily washes out.

Car Parking

Please ensure you do not park opposite school when dropping off children before school as this is dangerous and can obscure children from view when other vehicles approach. When parking please ensure you do not block driveways.

Forms to be Completed/Checked

The following forms need to be completed by **Tuesday the 12th of September** at the latest please, to ensure our information is complete and accurate.

DON'T

FORGET

- **Consent form**
- **Acceptable Use Statement**
- **Emergency Form** (distributed at the end of last academic year) Emergency numbers will be entered into 'TXTRound'. This is a system where we can text all parents to inform them about things such as emergency school closures, severe weather etc. It is therefore imperative we have your correct number.

If there is information to update then please amend accordingly or tick the 'No corrections made' box on the reverse of the form before signing and returning as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

19 Sept	Bank Holiday - School Closure	21 Oct	Last Day of Term
24 Sept	FOHS Treasure Hunt	31 Oct	First Day of Term
7 Oct	Wrates Photography	8 Dec	KS1 Nativity Production
10 Oct	Flu Immunisation Team in school	9 Dec	Talent Show
11/13 Oct	Parent Teacher Interviews	13 Dec	Pre-School Christmas Activities
21 Oct	Harvest Festival	16 Dec	Last Day of Term

School Photographs: 7th October

The photographer will be visiting the school in the morning. The photographer will take individual or family group photographs (or both) and it is important that you indicate below, which of these options you require. Please note that there will be NO Good Works assembly on this date. If you would like younger siblings to be included then please bring them in at 8:45am.

An example print will be sent to parents who can then choose the format of prints they require.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase a 'whole school' photograph.



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School Photographer Visit - Friday 7th October 2022

(Please circle)

- I would like my child/children to be photographed: **Individually / Family Group / Both**

Name/s of child/children: