

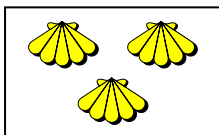
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High Wych CE Primary School

Success and Excellence within a Caring Christian Environment

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Welcome back

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Welcome back to all of our children and parents and a big welcome to our new families. I hope you managed to have a good break and stayed safe and well.

Value of the month

September Value is being **selfless** (generosity of heart) and the stories used to support this are Rainbow Fish and the Big Party (Matthew 22, Luke 14). We are not allowed to currently hold assemblies for the whole school but we managed to hold a virtual one yesterday so the children all got to see each other. Worship will continue within class for other days of the week but we will try to continue with Friday certificates and birthdays via Teams video calls.

SUCCESSFUL- Please see the website for a list of the values used.

Parking

Please remember to be considerate to other members of the community when using the village car park or parking around the village. Well done for a swift start and end of the day. Just to remind you that Year 3 and 4 children will not arrive at the gates ready to exit before 3.15 so please do not arrive before this time as we will still be trying to get Year 5 and 6 off the premises and arriving during this time will hinder the speed at which we can do this.

Nursery and Reception Parents - Please do **NOT** block the school car park in the mornings as staff cannot park - Please park in the village car park or leave as soon as you have dropped your child to help traffic.

Dinner money

Please pay weekly **in advance**, preferably on Schoolcomms or by cheque to Herts Catering Ltd (£2.70 /day or Nursery £2.50).

Wheelie Wednesday

Year 2 will be able to bring in their scooters in a few weeks time once the new routines have been established. On **Tuesday 13th October** Year 1 will take part in Herts scooter training. We hope they enjoy the scooter track. They will then be able to bring in their scooters each Wednesday when you have signed and returned the permission slip.

ASC

Can I please remind those of you who use the After School club to contact them direct during club hours on 07561 840349 as the main school office is closed at this point. Please call the number when you arrive and your child will be brought out to you. If you have booked spaces you no longer need please inform the office.

Covid 19 symptoms

As we all get used to working under our "new normal" set up can you please help us by only keeping your children at home if they are showing any of the known symptoms, in which case you need to self-isolate and get a test:

- A new persistent cough
- High temperature, 37.8 or more
- Loss of taste or smell

Please only phone the office to let us know if your child has the above symptoms and you are having a test done. A runny nose is not a symptom and we would expect children with a cold to be in school, following the good hygiene guidance, eg regular handwashing, catch it, bin it, kill it.

Secondary Applications - Year 6

The online process for Year 6 children is now open and closes on 31st October 2020. Please ensure you make an on time application for your child to the county in which you live. You will also need to complete each school's own application form, if they have one, by the 31st October.

Homework

This year we have reviewed our homework policy for each year group. Please read the class letters for more information. Homework will currently be on J2E to save bringing items backwards and forwards.

Whole school Panto

We are awaiting confirmation of whether this will happen this year and will let you know when we have more information.

Dates for the term

September	Values: Selflessness (generosity)
30 th September	Individual and sibling school photos
October	Values: Understanding
13 th October	Yr 1 scooter training
19 th October	Yr 3 Celtic Harmony
26 th Oct - 30 th Oct	Half Term
November	Values: Courage
16 th November	Anti-bullying week
27 th November	Occasional Day
December	Values: Compassion
18 th December	End of term.

Social Distancing at the school gates

Please can I remind you to keep 2m away from other adults at the gates or wear a face mask to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The numbers of cases are rising around the area so we would like to keep the whole school community safe.

We look forward to another good year.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher