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we live, learn & grow!

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CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM – GENEROSITY

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

Dear Parents and Carers,

A new quote
every week!

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

It was lovely to see a big turn-out for this fund-raiser at the end of school last week. We raised an incredible **£114**, with a little more still to come in. Thank you everyone.

Pupil Behaviour

The start of a new school year is always a good time to review expectations, rewards and consequences with the staff and then the children. Hopefully you've been pleasantly surprised at Class Dojo messages popping up on your phones with alerts that inform you of positive praise, linked to our expectations and values. These alerts also create opportunities for you to discuss school behaviour at home. (Not getting these? Please check with your class teacher!)

- Follow the school rules: Be Ready, Respectful, Safe
- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Show respect to members of staff and each other and do not swear.
- In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn
- Move quietly around the school
- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect
- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Accept sanctions when given
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school or online

On Thursday I also talked children through the consequences of negative behaviour, in part due to an increase of swearing and play-fighting noticed on the school field. Following a 'stepped' approach, children can see what will happen when they overstep the mark. Since

these steps also include a commitment to inform you, the parent, it seems fair to warn you in advance! I do hope you will be supportive in our attempts to 'nip this in the bud.'

Caveat – We are aware that some modification is needed for those with recognised conditions.

There is still a little work to be done on the graphic but I think our intentions are clear. Thank you in advance for your support.

Poor behaviour
(steps 3 and 4) in an
afternoon will see
playtime lost the
next day.

Whole lesson in another class
Time Out (whole break or lunch).
Sent to Mr Batchelor. Incident
recorded and parents informed.

Step 4

Sent to another room or space away from
the class for 15 minutes AND 10
minutes 'Time Out' at break or lunch.

Step 3

Moved table or group for the lesson.

Step 2

A verbal warning given and a note recorded.

Step 1

Our expectations are being met – WELL DONE

Harvest 2026

I'm very much looking forward to our first service in the church this school year, in grateful thanks of another harvest gathered in. (Details below). As is our custom here, we'll be collecting for the Stroud Food Bank. Their website lists their 'Top 10' requests for donations, which you can bring to the school lobby area if you are able to help. Any non-perishables would be very much appreciated.

FOOD DONATION GUIDE	
Do's	Don'ts
Long shelf life	Fresh, frozen or refrigerator items
In date	Out of date
Unopened	Opened
Good condition	Dented or worn

Our Top 10 Wanted Items for Autumn 2026

Tinned Ham & Corned Beef
Tinned Meat Meals
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned peas & carrots
Tinned Custard & Rice Pudding
Tinned Fruit
Crisps & nuts
Biscuits
Toiletries: Shampoo & Conditioner, Deodorant, Shower Gel, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Laundry Liquid

Online Safeguarding - What Children Are Telling Childline

New NSPCC figures provide an indication of the platforms children are mentioning when talking to Childline about experiences of online sexual abuse. Between April 2025 and March 2026, in counselling sessions where online sexual abuse was the main concern:

- Snapchat was mentioned in 324 sessions
- TikTok in 234
- Instagram in 197
- Discord in 92
- WhatsApp in 39

Snapchat mentions increased by 19% compared with the previous year. The findings are a reminder that grooming, sexual extortion and other forms of sexual abuse commonly take place through the same mainstream apps children use routinely for communication and socialising, so please be vigilant with pupil access to the internet.

School Council

Rules for safe play in

MRS BACON'S DIGGING PIT

at lunch time.

The School Council have completed their first task!

Ten children (two each from Years 2 upwards) met this week and received their badges identifying them as school councillors. They considered the best way to regulate behaviour in the digging pit and came up with the following rules.

Open days

Dates for showing off our lovely school to prospective joiners (September 2027 or 'in-year' joiners) are included below. It would be great for visitors to meet and chat to existing parents, so please see Carrie Cooke (PTFA) if you are able to serve refreshments on any of those days.

Can You help?

- Do we have amongst our community a photographer with a spare hour or two? WE are looking for quality images for the improvement of our school website.
- I am looking for skilful parents or local firms to repaint the railings and a few other small tasks around the school. If you have some free time or recommendations, please get in contact.

1	Not more than 7 people at a time.				
2	Use the equipment carefully and play nicely .				
3	Do not bury people.				
4	Do not climb the tree or the fence.				
5	Keep the stones in the pit. Never throw them.				
6	Tidy up after yourself.				
7	Take turns for our different classes.				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st	Class 1	Class 2	Class 1	Class 2	1 and 2
2 nd	Class 3	Class 4	Class 3	Class 4	3 and 4

DATES FOR THE DIARY – more information about events will follow when needed.

There will be other dates added to the diary over the term. I will keep you up to date as soon as I have them.

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER NEW	2:00 p.m. Harvest Festival @ St Peter’s Church. ALL WELCOME.	
	Can any parents who wish to walk to church with us arrive by 1:30? Thank you.	
MONDAY 12 TH OCTOBER	Mental Health Day. Wear something Yellow. Please donate £1 each.	
TUESDAY 13 TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 7:00 pm. Booking now open on Dojo. NO CLUBS	
WEDNESDAY 14 TH OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Booking now open on Dojo. NO CLUBS	
MONDAY 19 th OCTOBER	NHS nurses in school - Nasal Flu Spray	
THURSDAY 22 nd OCTOBER	PTFA Craft Night – details to follow.	
MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	HALF TERM WEEK	
MONDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER	All back in school	
WEDS 11 th NOVEMBER	Armistice (Poppy Day) - Remembering the fallen. You are welcome to join us on the school field around 10:55 for a brief time of silence, weather permitting.	
MONDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER	Anti bullying week – Odd Sock Day	
TUESDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	Open Morning (9:30 – 10:30)	Please phone to let us know you are coming. 01452 720303
WEDS 18 TH NOVEMBER	Open Morning (9:30 – 10:30)	
WEDS 25 TH NOVEMBER	Open Afternoon (2:00 – 3:00) Open Evening (6 p.m. to 7 p.m.)	
THURSDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	Open Afternoon (2:00 – 3:00)	
TUESDAY 1 st DECEMBER	Monthly Church Worship – advent with Dave – all invited. @ St. Peters	
WEDNESDAY 9 TH DECEMBER	Rock Steady Concert – invitations sent separately	
MONDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	Christmas Carol Concert – time TBC – all invited. @ St. Peters	
LAST WEEK	Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Disco, PTFA Movie Night! – details later!	

STOP PRESS!

The Year 5&6 Residential is booked!

May 24th, 25th and 26th ! (A fortnight after SATS and the week before half-term!)

Details to follow.

You will also find our newsletters online here – [Haresfield Primary School - Newsletters](#)
under the Parents tab.
More dates to follow next time!



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THANK YOU!

So much for all of your
support with our
MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

Get
together
for good

We raised an amazing

£114

Do your
bit for
better
cancer care

We will have more details soon
for our next event which will be an

**AUTUMN
CRAFT EVENING**

for the children

on the 22nd of October

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we can make
a difference

GENEROSITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT GENEROSITY TOGETHER...

When we think about **generosity** we usually think about being **generous** with money or possessions. However, we can also be **generous** with our time, our gifts and our abilities.

Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is **generous** to us, it makes us want to be **generous** in return. The opposite of being **generous** is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

- How would you describe yourself on this scale?

Selfish ←————→ Generous
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what are their reasons?
- Who is the most **generous** person you know?



READ TOGETHER...

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work.

The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box.

Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen.

Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."

You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.

Bible story based on Mark 12:41-44

A Mite in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius. Typically a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work.



In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM



"God loves a cheerful giver"
2 Corinthians 9.7

New King James Version® of the Bible



QUIZ

Lost Letters

Which letters are missing from the alphabet? Arrange them to make a word from the story.



x l s h k
d b f p j
u r q a y
w q a y
z j g c
o s n v



HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so **generous**. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' **generosity**.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



The Generositree

The fruit of the generositree are blessings.

Think of something **generous** that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it.

Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and take it to school to hang on the Generositree.



Each member of the family could decide on someone that they think deserves a special present. Find some pots for each person and begin to save a small amount each week.

When December comes buy presents that will make your special person smile or that they will find useful. Wrap the gifts as creatively as you can and write their name on a homemade label. Deliver in secret on 5th December, St Nicholas' Day.



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They **generously** give over 20 million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges

