

Hartshorne C of E



Primary School

# November 2023 Updates

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**Friday 17 November 2023**

## **School Uniform**

*This is a polite reminder that only plain PE kit or PE kit with the school logo is permitted in school. Please do not send your child to school in other branded PE kit. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/hartshorne/UploadedDocument/73c8856d9c4e4c1fa5b6b17478ed3f71/school-uniform-policy-on-a-page-dec-2019.pdf>*

## **The Big Ambition**

### **Message From the Children's Commissioner: Dame Rachel De Souza**

*By now, I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. Please ensure you have shared this survey with the children and parents within your school community.*

*Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Further resources are available on our [website](#).*

*It is really important that the pupils at Hartshorne CofE Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.*

*I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Swadlincote area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.*

*I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.*

*Please share the survey and resources with teachers in your school and encourage them to use it in their lessons. Children can complete the survey in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons this term.*

*The survey can also be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice. Be sure to check out the lesson plans on my website if you want to teach your pupils more about politics before they fill in the survey!*

*Please do get in touch if you have any problems. My team is happy to support with the roll out in any way we can.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Dame Rachel De Souza*

### ***Home time***

*When you are collecting your children at home time please come onto the playground so that teachers can see you to be safely dismissed. Please do not ask your children to meet you at the car park gates. Only children 16 or over are permitted to collect primary school children unaccompanied with the written permission of the parents. Thank you*

### ***Online Safety***

#### ***Parents Guide to WhatsApp***

*As one of the most popular messaging apps used by all age ranges and around 2.7 billion monthly users, WhatsApp has been adding new features over the last year or so which some of you may not be aware of. Internet Matters have put together a really good 'how-to' guide for parents which you can access [HERE](#).*

#### ***Parents - Guide to Snapchat MyAI***

*Chatbots are springing up everywhere now, including within apps that children and young people use, and there have been some concerns over the ethics, the information and guidance that is being given by the chatbot and more, particularly in relation to guidance that is age appropriate, privacy concerns and misinformation.*

*Wayne Denver has put together a really useful updated article for parents explaining what the chatbot is, how it works, the issues and some tips for parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).*

Courtesy of Alan Mackenzie

#### ***Christian Vision and Values***

*Our Christian value this half term is: Nurture*

*We are nurturing our children to enable them to flourish and be the best version of themselves. Children are being encouraged to nurture themselves and each other through kindness.*

### ***Vision***

Our vision and values are born out of God's love and nurture of all creation. Together we work as a family to see one another grow and flourish: Knowing that we are precious and unique to God.

We aim to live out our values in our school and the world around us: as we play our part in God's wonderful creation story

### ***Motto***

*God's family, growing together, inspiring our world*

### ***Safeguarding***

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried or concerned for the welfare of a child please call 01629 533190.*

### ***Reminder - Beech Class Phonics Workshop***

*Phonics workshop with parents for Reception children.*

*Thursday 23rd Nov 9-9.30 in the school hall.*

*Come along and join in a phonics session with your child. It's great fun.*

### ***PSHE & RSE Consultation***

*The link below is for your views on relationships and sex education. Please read the policy first and then respond. This consultation will close 23 November at 11.00am*

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IPH46ISFrEuVd5Cm0I5QQ1TmJzF6pdJlyWFQVLNouNUQ08zNE5SNEJNUU82SUQyUjFKMVVEUThLMC4u>

### ***Anti-Bullying Week***

<https://www.hartshorne.derbyshire.sch.uk/anti-bullying-ambassadors/> Our anti bullying ambassadors have been extra busy this week. Ask your child about our collective worships this week.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

<https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates-1/> Term dates for next academic year

<https://hartshorne.secure-primariesite.net/letters-to-parents/> Swimming dates for Pine Class

22 Nov Pine and Oak Into Film Festival

**23 Nov Beech class Phonics morning parents and carers invited (9.00am in hall)**

1 Dec Pine & Oak The Snowman Performance Visit to Derby (more information to follow)

8 Dec Beech Class Experience Christmas at Church

**12 Dec PCSO visit Pine for Online Safety Talk**

15 Dec Pine and Oak Christmas Carol Service at Church 2.15pm start all welcome

18 Dec Christmas lunch and jumper day

20 Dec Willow and Beech Nativity at Church 2.30pm - Ticket information to follow

21 Dec Willow and Beech Nativity at Church 2.30pm - Ticket information to follow

22 Dec Holiday - School Closed

**8 Jan start of spring term - school open**

**18 Jan Governor visits to school**

6 Feb Safer Internet Day

**14 Feb Governor visits into school**

**6 Mar Pine Class retreat day to Edale (Information to follow nearer the time)**

**7 Mar Pine and Willow Class Fire Safety talk**

*13 May Y6 SATs week*

*Have a lovely weekend*

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