

# Harewood C of E Primary School

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## “Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. With fabulous weather at the start of the week and our newly reduced restrictions, it was great to see all the children being able to play together outside without bubble restrictions and for us all to get together for whole school worship. These are new experiences for so many of our younger children but also for myself having joined Harewood in the middle of the COVID restrictions.

We have begun to revert to some of the pre COVID routines, one of which was having a celebration assembly this afternoon. It was great to share what everyone has been doing both in school and at home and to celebrate our successes. For the moment, while things settle and new routines establish, we are not going to be able to invite parents to this event each week. I hope that this will not be for long and I am sure you will understand our reasons. The children and their education is at the forefront of all we do at Harewood and maintaining our good record of minimal loss of learning is important to us.

This afternoon I would like to say a very well done to the following children for really making the extra effort this first week to impress.

<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Paloma Y Wonderful Work: Summer H
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: Emily C Wonderful Work: Lulu Parker
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: Sam B Wonderful Work: Oliver B

### Pick Up and Drop Off

Although we have not been able to invite parent to Celebration Assembly for the moment it has been great to see parents back on the playgrounds at the end of the day and being able to interact with staff more freely. I hope our new routines have worked for you.

As a reminder, on a morning the gates are open between **8.40am and 8.50am** for drop off with the children going through separate entrances. Children arriving after 8.50am will have to come through the office and be signed in as late after 8.55am. Punctuality is important for an effective start to the day in class. Please make every effort to be at school by 8.50am.



## New School Website

Over the summer our new school website has gone live. If you have not looked yet, please do. Our web address is [www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk). We are still adding information to the site and updating some of the information, but we think it is a big improvement on what we had previously.

You will notice that on the home page there is also a Twitter feed. The school also now has a Twitter account @HWPrimary where we will be posting news, events and updates for the things our classes have been doing.

## Photograph permission forms

Mrs Flowerdew has sent out new photograph permission forms for everyone this week (except reception). Now we have a new website and Twitter feed we want to make sure that we only use images of the children in a way that families are happy with. In the past, you have already given your consent for this but we want to make sure our records are fully up to date.

For clarification, on the website and on any Twitter post we will not show photographs and names together or use full names of children. It is important to us to keep your children safe on the internet but we also want to be able to show families and the world the sort of things the children enjoy and take part in whilst at Harewood.

## Flu Vaccinations

We sent out email to families yesterday about the option for your child to have a flu immunisation at school. The email gives you details of how to give consent along with more details about dates.

**Events and Dates for this half term** – More details of each will be in future newsletters or by separate communications.

Date	Event
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Curriculum packs out to families and informal chance to chat with class teachers.
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Scooter training (KS1/2)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Class 3 Murton Park Trip (Romans)
WB 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Festival Celebrations
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	KS2 Keeping Safe and Well (PSHE workshops)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Class 4 Murton Park Trip (Anglo Saxons)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual Photos Day
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Mental Health Day. (We will be having a number of activities near this date working with the children on Mental Health Awareness)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu vaccinations

Have a great weekend

Mr A. Ratcliffe

