

# Harewood C of E Primary School

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## “Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

<b><u>Class 1</u></b>
Excellent Early Learners Aminah R Mohammed-Yusuf L
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: Harmen G Wonderful Work: Maryam I
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: William K Wonderful Work: Halle S

### Harvest Collections and Generosity Week.

This week has been the Church of England Generosity Week. In school we have helped to celebrate this by linking it with our Harvest Festival. This afternoon we had a guest from St George’s Crypt come to speak to the children in our assembly. He spoke about the work of the Crypt and the important role they have in supporting the homeless and needy in Leeds.

He was very grateful for both the donations of food and other items and the donations made through the Just Giving page. The photograph shows some, but not all, of the donations made at school. When I checked last there was also £595 donated on the Just Giving Page.

Thank you so much for all your generosity with this year’s collection the response and generosity from families has been phenomenal.

If any families have not yet made a donation, but would like to the JustGiving page is [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harewoodharvestfestival](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harewoodharvestfestival)



### Keeping Safe and Well Workshops

This week Classes 3 and 4 have taken part in some workshops led by the Leeds Wellbeing Team. These sessions have covered symptoms of infection and common illnesses such as colds and sickness bugs. The children also worked on ways to keep good hygiene. These sessions were enjoyed by the children as well as learning useful information and skills. We take the wellbeing of our children very seriously and are always looking for ways to improve what we can offer and how we can support those in



need and raise awareness of these issues. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> each of the classes will be spending some time talking about World Mental Health Day which is 10<sup>th</sup> October and doing some age appropriate tasks.

### School Photographs

Please remember that next Wednesday is the day we will be having individual photographs taken in school. If you have younger siblings not attending Harewood, but would like photographs with them included, we will be opening up the hall from 8.30am for this to happen. If you would like to take up this offer, please enter school via the black gates and come round to the side hall door where someone will direct you to the correct place.

Mrs Flowerdew has sent out details of how to pre-register to receive instant proofs of the photographs. Please look for this information, as it will speed things up on the day.

### Home Learning

Everyone will be aware that earlier in the week I sent out a letter letting families know that school has children who have now tested positive for COVID. There have also been several children who have unfortunately missed days of school recently going for tests. As a result of this I thought it would be worth reminding families of our system for providing home learning as it has been a while since the Spring Term lockdown.

If your child is ill.	We would not expect your child to be working through an illness. Teachers will not routinely provide work in this case but as your child improves contact the teacher and home learning can be sent.
If your child is waiting for COVID test.	In short term absence of this kind your class teacher will direct you to a range of online learning and prepared resources for this short period of time. Please read with your child, look at weekly spellings, complete any set homework and have a go at online tasks like Times Table Rock Stars. You could also look at the Home Learning pages on the school website.
If your child has to self-isolate for 10 days or the class bubble has been sent home.	For long term absence of this kind the teacher will provide structured daily lessons covering the curriculum including English, Maths and other curriculum tasks. These will be as near as possible to what the children in school will be covering to avoid lost learning and will be communicated to families via the Tapestry app as we did during the lockdown.

It is really important that families stay in touch with school. That way we can minimize lost learning and offer whatever support we can.

Please let school know of any potential absence as soon as possible. This really helps the teaching staff. If we only find out at 8.30am the teachers are already in class with the other children. This makes it practically impossible to get work to you that morning but they will try as best they can.

### PTA News

The **PTA AGM is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. It would be wonderful to see as many families represented as possible to support the team in their work for the school. We will send out a zoom link for the meeting via parent mail in the next couple of days.

The first bun sale of the year was a tasty success for all involved. Thank you to all the families who brought buns and the children who bought them.

The next PTA event will be a Pumpkin Party on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Details to follow.

### Before and After School Clubs

The numbers of children attending the before and after school clubs has been steadily increasing over the last few weeks. Can we please ask that families pre-book sessions at least the day before to give us the chance to check we have the correct staffing and food available.



The booking system closes the night before so any bookings for the same day will need to be booked via the office. This should be for unforeseen circumstances only and not used regularly. Please also do not just turn up without making a booking. This has happened a few times recently and we would hate to have to refuse to take children if our staffing ratios were not sufficient to cover the number of children.

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

Date	Event
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA AGM
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
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Pumpkin Party
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Final day of the half term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Training Day
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	School starts for the half term.

Please continue to be vigilant for COVID symptoms. Several schools near Harewood are really struggling and several parents and including older siblings, not at our school, have had recent positive cases. While we are working under the current guidelines of children not isolating when they are close contacts we need to be especially careful.

Have a great weekend  
Mr A. Ratcliffe

