

# Harewood C of E Primary School

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## “Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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 Seren S Henry R
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: Alex M Wonderful Work: Sienna F
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: Alfred W Wonderful Work: Arthur K
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Brilliant Behaviour: Neena K Wonderful Work: Louis C

### Anti-bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week in school. We started on Monday with odd socks day, promoting the issue of us all being different and individual which is something we should celebrate. On Wednesday all the classes worked together to create a Harewood Friendship Tree. Each child decorated a leaf in their own special way and wrote a special message from themselves. These came together to create a tree with input from all our children showing our community spirit, friendship and team work.

At other times in the week classes have revisited our school Anti-Bullying Policy and recommitted themselves to stopping bullying in any form.

More information about National Anti-Bullying Week can be found on the following website. (<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>)

### Children in Need

Today is Children in Need Day and our School Council chose to have a ‘Swap Day’. It has been great to see some of the children’s interpretation of the staff and they have taught each other some amazing facts in their lessons.

As well as having a bit of fun, this was a good chance to raise the profile of the needs of children and some money to support the charities work. Thank you for your support with this.



## Leeds Lieder Festival

On Wednesday, Class 4 took part in a workshop led by some professional musicians from the Leeds Lieder Music Festival. They learnt about a range of musical performance types, including opera, and wrote some lyrics for a verse of a song. This was filmed and will be added to other verses written by other schools taking part in the project. Once this is available, we will share it with families.



## Year 6 Legacy Project

The current Year 6 are going to be running a number of events and activities to raise money to purchase equipment for school which they will leave for the rest of the community as their legacy to Harewood. This is a fabulous idea and we would like to support them in their efforts.

One of the first events they are planning is a Pop-Up Christmas Shop. Your child should have come home with a poster produced by Year 6 giving details. Donations for the shop should be brought into school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and the shop will happen in mid-December. For more information, please speak to our Year 6 children or contact school.



## Lateness

It has been noticeable over the last couple of weeks that an increasing number of children are arriving late for school. It is important for your child's settled start to the day and for teachers making a quick start to learning that the children arrive at school on time every day. The school gates are open from 8.40 to 8.50am and your child should be in school before the gates close.

Traffic has been a problem recently, so families must compensate for this to make sure children arrive at school on time.

## Parking

It has been brought to my attention that a traffic warden has been in Harewood, especially at pick up and drop off times this week. I want to notify families that they have been issuing fines and very strictly enforcing the regulations. I know parking is an issue in Harewood at these times, but please park safely.

## Parents Questionnaires

Earlier this week I sent out an email with details for how to access the annual parent's questionnaire. If you have not yet had time to complete this, I would urge you to do so. Details of the link will be in the email with this letter

We value your opinions and the feedback we receive really helps to give a picture of school from a parent perspective and this feeds into how we choose priorities for the coming year.

## Music In Worship – 'Being a Friend'

This week's music for the start of worship in school linked with both our theme for the week of 'Being a good neighbour' and Anti-Bullying Week. The song is from the BBC website and is called 'Being a Friend'.

Here is the website link for the song:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-assembly-collective-worship-being-a-friend/z8vmwnb>



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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5/6 Football Game - Kickstart
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4/5/6 Girls Football Game – Deighton Gates
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Class 2 trip to Abbey House Museum Class 1 trip to Harewood House
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	PTA Film Night
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 2 trip to Harewood House
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Performances (Details to follow)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

