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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

5th 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.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Emaan B Florence H
<u>Class 2</u>
Brilliant Behaviour: Hatima H Wonderful Work: Jaya J
<u>Class 3</u>
Brilliant Behaviour: Jemima S Wonderful Work: Mateo L
<u>Class 4</u>
Brilliant Behaviour: Maaya H Wonderful Work: George R

Reading at Home

Reading is probably the most important of all the skills a child will learn at school in terms of their ability to access other learning and to become an independent learner. At Harewood, the children are good readers but there is always space for improvement.

In school, we really appreciate all the time families out in with their children reading at home both with their school reading books and with other texts. Any time you can give your child really helps. The ideal would be to spend 10-15minutes reading with your child everyday but this should be at least 3 times per week. As well as reading the books, re-reading them to develop fluency and confidence and discussing the story are really beneficial.

To help families with home reading we have put together an information booklet for parents, which we will be sending home next week. This guide will probably be full of things you already know but will also contains hints and tips for making home reading both enjoyable and effective. We have also produced a reading bookmark with a number of useful questions to use when discussing the books. Please keep these in with your child’s home reading book to refer to.

If you have any questions or require information about how to help with reading, please contact your class teacher who will be happy to help.



Children in Need

Friday 19th November is Children in Need Day. Our School Council have chosen to have a 'Swap Day'. The plan is for the children and teachers to swap roles for part of the day and to dress appropriately for their new role! (I am wondering who is going to be me for the day and do things like standing on the gate in the rain and presenting certificates in assembly)



We will send out more information about this and other activities for the day next week.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings continue next week via zoom with Class 2 on Monday, Class 1 on Tuesday and classes 3 and 4 on Wednesday. Class teachers will send families a zoom invite for the time you booked.

Flu Immunisations

Last term we offered flu immunisations to all the children in school. For a number of reasons, including absence from school on the day, quite a few children did not get the immunisation. The NHS are keen that as many children as possible are immunised and have said that they will return to school later in the term to catch the children missed previously. Mrs Flowerdew sent details yesterday for how to give permission for your child and I have attached a flyer from the NHS to this letter giving additional information.

Remembrance Day

Nets Thursday is Remembrance Day. From Monday, the children will be able to buy poppies and a selection of other items to raise money for the Royal British Legion. The other items include Zip Pulls and Reflectors for a donation of 50p, Wristbands for £1 and Snap bands for £1.50.



As well as activities organised in classes we will also be welcoming Reverend James to school to help lead our worship that day. For those of you who are not aware, Reverend James is the new Priest in Charge for the Parish of Harewood. I am sure that you will get to meet her over the coming weeks, especially in the lead up to Christmas.

PTA Film Night and Bags2School

Friday 12th November is the next date for the Bags2School collections. If you have items that you are able to send to school, please bring them either Thursday 11th or first thing on Friday 12th.

Friday 3rd December is going to be the PTA Film Night. This will run straight after school until 4.45pm. I have attached a poster with details and additional information will be sent out by the PTA nearer the time.

Music In Worship - Ask, Seek, Knock – Hillsong Kids

This week's song is called 'Ask, Seek, Knock' by Hillsong Kids. Hillsong Kids is part of Hillsong Church and a large part of their ministry to children is through music. They simply want you to have fun singing their songs.

This song, 'Ask, Seek, Knock' is based on the following verse from the book of Matthew in the Bible.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3vXskh11ig>



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

Date	Event
WB 1 st and 8 th Nov	Parents Evenings
Thursday 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Friday 12 th Nov	Bag2School collection day
WB 15 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 19 th Nov	Children in Need – Swap Day
Friday 3 rd Dec	PTA Film Night
Friday 17 th Dec	Last day of term

Please enjoy yourselves if you are having a bonfire or fireworks this weekend and stay safe.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

