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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly COVID Update

It looks like we have passed the peak of our COVID cases in school with numbers of children testing positive greatly reduced and children returning to school after their isolation. We aim to keep our current additional measures in place at least until the Christmas break.

To protect everyone it is important that we maintain our vigilance in the last week and take the children for tests at the first sign of COVID or Cold symptoms. From talking to families this week, I understand concerns regarding the children catching COVID in school but I must encourage families to avoid removing children from school if they are well.

Christmas Events

This week all the children in school came down to the hall to decorate our Christmas tree and see the lights being turned on. Our tree looks great. Every bauble made with care and very individual. Our Harewood Elf also arrived during the week. He has been working his way round the classrooms. You might want to ask your child what he has been up to!

For school Christmas card deliveries, the Christmas Post Box is situated in the Library being sorted daily by some of the Y6 children. We ask that to help them, as well as adding the person's name you add their class as well.

Christmas lunch and party day is next Wednesday. This will also be party day in school. The children do not need to come in uniform but can be more festive in their outfits. Christmas Jumpers would be great to help us raise awareness of the [Save the Children](#) charity and their work. They hold a Christmas Jumper Day annually and if you would like to make a donation to the charity we will be collecting for them during the day.

On party day the PTA have planned a few activities for the children to enjoy in school. There will be no charge at all for this as the PTA wanted to do something to say thanks for all of the support everyone has given so far this year. Father Christmas is due to visit, and will give a gift to every child. The PTA have also provided some Christmas decorations for the children to decorate in class. Classes 1 and 2 will also get to make up their own reindeer food mix in school. All of the teachers will have some fun crafting planned and the PTA have provided some additional treats for them to hand out during the day. The children will also have crackers to pull with their Christmas Lunch. It should be a great day.



Nativity 2021

At the start of next week, we will be starting to film our Harewood Nativity. We are hoping to be able to get the finished film out to families later in the week so you can see all the hard work the children have put into learning songs, performing readings and acting.



Wharfe Valley Learning Partnership

Most families will be aware that Harewood works closely with nine other schools in the Wharfe Valley on a number of projects to support the children's learning and staff development. This grouping of schools is called the Wharfe Valley Learning Partnership (WVLP).

COVID has meant that many of our linked activities have had to be altered in the last 18 months but others have continued remotely. It is hoped that in the next 2 terms we might be able to start up some of the events of the past, including sporting fixtures and joint learning projects for the children. This term each school has contributed to a WVLP newsletter to show everyone what each school has been up to. The link for this newsletter is <https://www.flipsnack.com/wvlp2021/wvlp-the-relaunch.html>. More details of the WVLP can be found on our [school website](#).

Year 6 Legacy Toy Sale

This afternoon the year 6 families hosted their toy sale out on the playground. Hopefully families were able to find a good range of Christmas stocking fillers and fun items. Thank you to everyone who has supported them with both donations and purchases, and Year 6 for organising the event.



St Gemma's Hospice Christmas Novelties

Sales of Christmas novelties by our Church School Ambassadors in support of St Gemma's Hospice have raised nearly £40 as part of our Christmas giving. Thank you to families who supported them in the last couple of weeks.

Music In Worship – Light of Christmas – TobyMac

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at Harewood without one of our favourites, "Light of Christmas" by TobyMac and Owl City.

TobyMac and Owl City created this song, 'Light of Christmas' for the VeggieTales Christmas film, 'Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas'. The VeggieTales series follows fruit and vegetable characters who retell Bible stories and present life lessons with a Biblical view.



Here are the website links for the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23rntfd6qC8>

(Light of Christmas – TobyMac and Owl City – VeggieTales clip)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEM5zwd9Lzk>

(Light of Christmas – TobyMac and Owl City – lyric clip)

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

Date	Event
Wednesday 15 th Dec	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper and Party Day
Friday 17 th Dec	Last day of term

Have a good weekend and we will see you all next week for the final school week of 2021.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

