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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.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Rory B Olivia F
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Joseph A Brilliant Behaviour: Sophie M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Aryana F Brilliant Behaviour: Henry V
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Sam A Brilliant Behaviour: Ella H

COVID Update

Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms of COVID in the children and family members. Currently the symptoms being regularly shown are very like the normal winter cold and do not always include a fever. If in any doubt please test. Currently in Leeds the COVID rate is 1982 per 100,000. This time last year when we were in the middle of a lockdown case rates were around 300 per 100,000. This shows that we are far from over this as an issue for school.

If your child is identified as a close contact of a COVID case they will not have to isolate but the requirement is that they take daily LFTs for 7 days. This includes children who have already had COVID. I will keep families informed if this is required for your child or if guidance changes and I thank the families who have been testing their children this week. Our ultimate aim is to lessen the risk of spread in school and therefore maintain our ability to have the children in school as normal.

Uniform

The vast majority of our children at Harewood look very smart in their uniforms every day and I wish to thank families for their support with this. Visitors to school often comment on how smart the children look and this really sets the tone for standards in other areas of school life.

In the last few weeks, it has been noticed that a small number of children are attending school wearing items which are not the agreed uniform. We do not want standards to start to slip. I have copied the uniform details for you below. Please can you make sure that your child has the correct uniform. If there is a problem please speak to one of the staff and we will see what can be done to help.



Our requirements for school uniform are as follows:

- Royal Blue V-necked jumper or cardigan
- Dark grey skirt or grey trousers (Not leggings or trousers with decoration),
- A white blouse or shirt
- A school tie. (These are also available from the school office)

The skirts / trousers / blouses / shirts / summer dresses can be obtained from any high street store. School tie and school jumpers, embroidered with the school crest, can be ordered from Kool Kidz in Wetherby (01937 589422 or www.koolkidzuniforms.com). Fleece, Waterproof coats and hats with the school logo are also available for parents who wish to purchase them.

In Summer the uniform remains the same except that **grey shorts or a blue and white summer dress** may be substituted.

Footwear

Shoes should be **black school shoes** (not trainers). If bad weather requires the children to wear wellies or boots while travelling to school, they should bring their school shoes with them to change once here.

PE Kit

On PE days the children should come to school in their PE kit to avoid having to change. PE kit consists of:

- Navy blue/black plain jogging bottoms or leggings
- Navy blue shorts can be worn in warmer weather
- A school hoodie top (available from Kool Kidz)
- A school PE top (available from Kool Kidz)
- Trainers (Preferably plain and dark coloured, ideally black)
(Please bear in mind uniform when you are purchasing future pairs of trainers but we do not expect families to go out and purchase specific new trainers for school)

The school office has a stock of ties, winter hats, book bags and shoe/swimming bags. The PTA has branded Pre-Loved uniform for sale if families prefer, and the school office can put you in touch with the relevant people.

Details of uniform with pictures can also be found on the school website

<https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/uniform/>

Jewellery and Other Accessories

Jewellery including necklaces and bracelets should not be worn for school. Earrings must be simple studs and avoided if at all possible.

Children with long hair should tie this back to aid safety in PE and playtimes but also to aid with hygiene. When hair is tied back, simple bobbles or blue hairbands are required. Please do not use hairbands with large bows etc. or in colours other than school colours.

No makeup should be worn by the children for school and nail varnish should be avoided during term time.



Our school uniform gives us a sense of identity and helps to keep us all looking smart. It also aids a sense of equality between the children with everyone being the same.

A good standard of uniform and smart presentation really helps with a sense of pride and expectation. We hope that families will support our mission to keep the children looking smart and maintaining the high standards that we expect.

Music In Worship – Try Everything.

This week’s song is called ‘Try Everything’ sung by the popstar Shakira. It appears as the theme song in the Disney film ‘Zootopia’ and was released as a single. Our theme this week is ‘Stepping out of your comfort zone’ – that means having the courage to try something new. The lyrics to this song tell us that no matter how hard the challenge is, we should never stop trying. We should stand up to the challenges and face them in a positive way, never giving up no matter what stands in our way. We need to try really hard to not be afraid of failing at something.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpgV3dzYOgk>

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

Date	Event
WB 7 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
WB 14 th February	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Friday 18 th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 28 th February	Training Day
WB 28 th Feb and 7 th Mar	Parents Evenings
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4 th March	D:Side Workshops (Drug Awareness)
Friday 18 th March	Bag2School collection for PTA
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of School before Easter

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

