

# 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,

Happy New year to everyone. It has been great to see everyone back this week and starting the term in such a brilliant way. It has been a busy week in school as usual with lots of hard work and great learning. 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 Henry R Thea P
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Zachary K Brilliant Behaviour: Elana H
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Phoenix Yorath Brilliant Behaviour: Luca Desaraju
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Sofia D Brilliant Behaviour: Ava C

Over the last couple of weeks there have been a lot of changes to the guidance around COVID. Many of these have not affected how school runs on a daily basis but others like the reduction in the number of days isolation and daily LFT testing for close contacts could affect us in the coming weeks.

At present school is doing really well at avoiding the current COVID surge but we must remain vigilant and if in any doubt do a LFT test followed by a PCR if required. Current common symptoms include the usual cough, temperature, loss of taste and smell but also cold like symptoms and feeling generally tired.

In school we are trying to strike a balance between the normal running of the school but with protective measures in place. This situation is dynamic in that we can add or reduce measures as the need arises with the hope of minimizing disruption.

This week the weather has been rather cold but to keep ventilation good in the rooms we have been running school with doors and windows open where possible. Despite the heating being on, it has been cold at times. It may be worth kitting your child out with additional under layers for the next few weeks if they feel the cold.



## Eco-News.

Ella and Millie are looking forward to receiving any empty printer cartridges you'd like to recycle. Their collection day is Thursday but they're always available to help the environment on any day of the week. Please, have a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter to check which cartridges can be recycled. At the moment, Recycle 4 Charity can't accept printer toners. Thank you.

For further info about Recycle 4 Charity please visit: <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/>

## Parent Parking

I have spoken to a couple of parents recently who have had issues with parking and local residents who are not always being very helpful. Parking always has been an issue in Harewood and current building work in the village and a range of other issues are not helping either. One of the local residents has also contacted school this week complaining about parking. They sent a number of photographs of cars blocking footpaths and parking illegally, (these could be parent cars but could also be other visitors to the village). They said that they had contacted Leeds highways about the problems. This probably means that there will be an increased Traffic Warden presence in the area over the next few weeks.

Can I ask that despite the restrictions in the village, that everyone tries to park considerably not blocking footpaths or entrances, which then creates a danger for our own families as well as residents. If there are parking problems or issues with the way someone speaks to you, please let me know. I would like to hope that despite parking being such an emotive issue, everyone can be respectful of each other and demonstrate the standards we expect. This would make my job of speaking to residents, Leeds and other organisations much simpler when I am trying to improve provision for families.

## Music In Worship – This little light of mine.

This week's song is called 'This Little Light of Mine'. It is a traditional American gospel song written around 1920. Gospel music is a form of African American religious music. The word gospel means "good news," and gospel songs often praise God or Jesus. The song 'This Little Light of Mine' has taken shape over time with the words changing and the melody evolving into what we recognize today.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9bZXN4uWA>

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

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

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

