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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 making the extra effort to impress this week.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Kitty A Yahya M
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Katie B Brilliant Behaviour: Jonathan S
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: William K Brilliant Behaviour: Jack B
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Ava C Brilliant Behaviour: Sofia D

Some of you may have seen a section of fenced off paving and a tree this week round on the KS2 playground. Many of the children have been asking what it is for. All is to be revealed on Monday.

Class 2 visited Harewood Bird Garden on Tuesday this week to look at the penguins as part of their project work on polar regions. They had a great time despite the weather. There are a number of photos for you to see on the gallery page of the school website www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/



Before and After School Club

A few parents have been asking for clarification on a few details around our Before and After School Clubs so I thought it was probably worth a message out to everyone.

Before school club is available from 7.45am until the start of school every day. We do not provide breakfast at this session but there is fruit available if the children want it. We are currently not in a position to offer breakfasts but this is something we are looking into for the future. Drop off for Before School Club is at the black gates. Press the buzzer and someone will let you in.

After School Club is split into 2 sessions. The first is 3.20 – 4.30pm. All the children get a snack, usually toast and then access to a range of activities depending on numbers and the weather. The second session runs from 4.30 – 6.00pm. If your child stays to this session, an evening meal will be provided, usually around 5pm.



You can collect your child at any time during the sessions by coming to the large black gates and pressing the School Club button. This contacts the staff at the club. They will then bring your child to the school front door. As an alternative to this, you can ring the club directly on 07712 216207 when you arrive and come straight to the front door to collect your child.

Bookings for both clubs are made via the School Money App and should be paid for at the time of booking. We are trying to keep bookings flexible for families by allowing the booking of sessions on an ad hoc basis with bookings closing the night before. This allows us to plan for staffing and any meals. In an emergency, for last minute bookings, please ring the school office and Mrs Flowerdew will book your child in. Please remember that this should only be in emergencies, not a regular occurrence.

Finally, we are coming to the end of the financial year. Please make sure that all outstanding payments to the system are made by the end of next week.

The flexibility of our extended provision is something we want to continue to provide. I know how much this helps families, but please help us with this by booking in advance and making sure payments are made.

Wear a Hat Day – Friday 25th March

Next Friday is 'Wear a Hat Day' in school. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness and funds for brain tumour research and is organised by the charity Brain Tumour Research (www.braintumourresearch.org). As many of you will be aware, this issue has a very personal link to the Adcock family and it is a fitting charity for us to be able to support as a school.



On the day, the children (and staff) are being encouraged to wear a hat, as silly or as plain as you wish, and bring in a donation which will aid the charities research into this devastating illness. Please send any donations in an envelope and hand into the class teachers. We also have a small number of pin badges that will be sold on the day. These cost £1. I hope that by supporting them we can in a small way aid the charities research. (Other than the choice of hat it will be normal school uniform.)

St Gemma's Easter Chick Sale

As we approach Easter we will be selling knitted Easter Chicks to support the work of St Gemma's Hospice. These will be on sale in school from next week and cost £1. There are many colours to choose from and each contains a cream egg.



PTA Events

Thank you to families who brought in bags of clothes etc. this morning for the Bags2School collection and also for those who have contributed gifts for the Mother's Day activity.

Next Friday is the rescheduled KS2 Film Night. If you purchased tickets for the postponed event in the autumn, you do not need to do anything else. If you would like a ticket, please speak to one of the PTA for details. This will start straight after school with collection at 5pm from the normal classroom doors via the black gates. If the children attending would like to bring a small cushion to sit on, that is fine.

On Monday afternoon, the PTA are running the Mother's Day shopping event, this will take place during school hours and is something that the children have really enjoyed doing in the past. Many thanks to everyone for all of the donations received, there are some wonderful gifts awaiting selection!

We ask that if you would like your child/children to take part in the shopping event that they bring in £5 to school on Monday (correct money would be appreciated). Siblings will have the opportunity to shop together should they wish to do so.

Many thanks, PTA



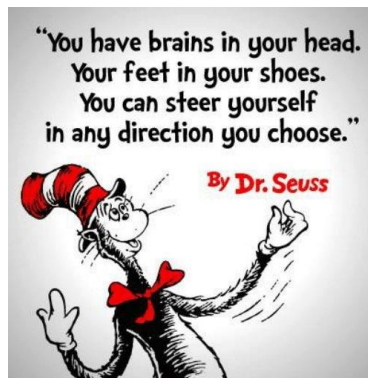
Music In Worship - 'Happy Day' - co-written by Tim Hughes

In the next few weeks, we will be thinking about the events leading up to Easter. The first line of this song describes Easter Sunday as the 'greatest day in history'. Christians believe that the events leading up to and those on Easter Sunday itself changed the world for them forever so it is an extremely significant event in Jesus's life in the Bible. All of the lyrics describe the happiness we can feel because Jesus rose again. This means that we can say sorry for anything we have done wrong and God will forgive us. The character of this song is upbeat and full of joy.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOilW8nrw5g>

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

This month our quote to reflect on is from Dr Seuss and is all about the choices we make each day.



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

Date	Event
Wednesday 23 rd March	Class 3 Football Match
Friday 25 th March	Wear a Hat Day (Brain Tumor Awareness)
Friday 25 th March	Class 3 and 4 Movie Night
Thursday 31 st March	PTA Bun Sale
Thursday 31 st March	Class 4 Boys and Girls Football Games
Friday 1 st April	PTA Easter Activity Day
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of School before Easter
EASTER HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 19 th April	School reopens after Easter
Wednesday 27 th April	Class 3 Eureka Trip
Thursday 28 th April	PTA Bun Sale
Thursday 28 th April	Class 4 Boys and Girls Football Games
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
WB 9 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 23 rd May	Skipping Workshops
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee Activities
Friday 27 th May	Last Day of School before Half Term

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

