

# Harewood C of E Primary School

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## “Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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.

<b><u>Class 1</u></b>
Excellent Early Learners Emaan B Thea P
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Jacob F Brilliant Behaviour: Joseph A
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Jemima S Brilliant Behaviour: Arthur K
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: George R Brilliant Behaviour: Oliver B

It has been great to have everyone back in school this week after the half term break. It is going to be a busy term with lots to do and only 4 weeks left until the Easter break. The next set of Parent’s Evenings are next Wednesday evening in school (Not Zoom). Please try to be prompt for your time and try to keep to the allotted time with your class teacher to avoid the evening running late for those following you.

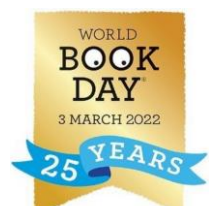
### COVID Update

I am sure that you heard a number of announcements last week about the end of COVID restrictions in England. I have attached a letter from the Local Authority, outlining the latest position for families. This does mean that we are now entering a new phase of normality not seen for two years, but that we still need to be aware that COVID is still with us and still has the potential to impact on the education of the children.

Now that we are not doing routine testing, we must be vigilant for symptoms and follow the continued guidance on isolation. School has really struggled at times in the last 4 months and we want to try to avoid this in the future.

### World Book Day

Yesterday was World Book Day. The children came to school in their pyjamas and brought their favourite books to share with classmates and other children in school. The aim was to emphasise the importance of reading as a great skill but also for relaxation and



wellbeing. Please take a look at the school [Twitter feed](#) and website for images.  
[www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/](http://www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/)

### Class 3 Football

The first of our Class 3 football teams played this week against a team from Kickstart at Fives Soccer in Seacroft. It was great to see them play and they had a great game. Unfortunately, we lost with a final score of 13-7. The team worked really well together and should be congratulated for their efforts.



### PTA Events

Next Thursday is the PTA Bun Sale (Buns provided by Class 3) and Friday is the rescheduled Class 1 and 2 Movie Night. This will take place straight after school with collection at 5pm from the normal classroom doors. If you arranged tickets for this before Christmas, you do not have to do anything else. If you did not purchase a ticket and your child would like to attend, please speak to one of the PTA for details.

It has been suggested that the children might like to bring a cushion or blanket to Movie Night. This sounds like a great idea but small cushions please.

The PTA would also like me to remind families about donating Mother's Day gifts. The event is on Monday 21st March so donations need to be received by Thurs 17th at the latest.

The Mother's Day Shopping & Wrapping Experience will involve all children having the opportunity to come along during the school day and chose a gift they would like to buy for their mothers, grandmothers or anyone else they would like to give to on Mother's Day. The gifts will be wrapped and the children will write their own labels. It will be £5 for a gift and if necessary donations will be 'bundled' to create a substantial gift.

In order for it to be a success we need donations! If you have any new unused and unwanted gifts, toiletries (bubble bath, bath bombs, unopened nail polish etc) nice trinkets, ornaments, scarves, candles, boxes of chocolates (you get the idea) then it would be very much appreciated. Please just make sure the donation is new, unused and in perfect condition to be re-gifted. Any donations of wrapping items, nice paper, ribbons and gift bags would also be welcome. Remember - one person's unwanted gift is another person's treasure!



### Music In Worship

This week's song is called 'Confidence' by Sanctus Real. This song is about Sanctus Real's real life. The Group want to have the same type of faith, mindset and heart that the great heroes of faith had from the Old Testament book of the Bible. The lyrics in the song takes us through these heroes starting with Moses, then David and then Daniel. They took positions as God's chosen leaders even though they didn't feel equipped, they had faith that God had chosen them.

Sometimes it's easy to think that we don't get things right, whatever it might be. Whether it is something we are doing, a piece of work, a performance of some kind or in our relationships with other people. It is a human trait to question ourselves all the time. The lyrics to this song are a prayer, a prayer about giving us faith that God is there to support us. A prayer to ask for faith like Daniel, hope like Moses



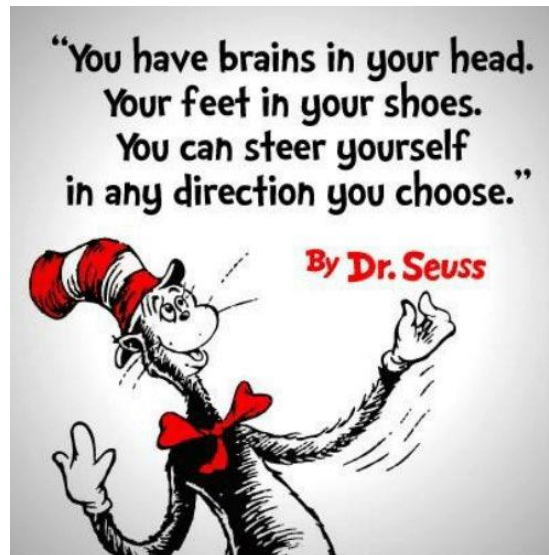
and a heart to love like David – with these characteristics, we can face all the things we sometimes find difficult in a positive way.

So, this week if something doesn't quite go to plan, try to step back and look at it in the big picture. Come back with a new confidence and try again!

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KA9kSBv1QrI>

### ***'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 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 2
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Bun Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 and 2 Movie Night
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Bag2School collection for PTA
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class 3 Football Match
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear a Hat Day (Brain Tumor Awareness)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3 and 4 Movie Night
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	PTA Bun Sale
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of School before Easter
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTA Easter Activity Day

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

