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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

1st April 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.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Mohammed-Yusuf L Olivia F
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Taylor C Brilliant Behaviour: Jaya J
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Alfred W Brilliant Behaviour: Xavier R
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Kaaya H Brilliant Behaviour: Eve M

Yesterday, Reverend James was meant to be in school to help lead our Easter Collective Worship. Unfortunately she is not well, but we still had our Easter worship followed by Hot Cross Buns. As a church school, the Easter season is an important festival for us. Learning about the Easter story in class and through our collective worship is a key element in this last week of term, as well as enjoying the other traditions associated with Easter.

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Weston who has been on student placement at Harewood since January. Although she has been based with Class 4, many of the children been with her at the times she has been out on the playground, helping with clubs and been about school. We will all miss her endless enthusiasm and the support she has given to the children. It has been a pleasure to be able to facilitate this stage of her teacher training, and we wish her all the best as she looks for a teaching position from September.

Miss Weston has asked me to thank families for their generous gifts and messages of thanks over the last couple of days. She says she is sad to be leaving us and has really enjoyed her time at Harewood.

School Morning arrival times

Some families will have heard in the media last weekend about the Government White Paper for Education. One of the recommendations is about the minimum length of the school day and how 5 or 10 minutes per day adds up over the year. If your child arrives in school on time every day, they will get their full entitlement, but arriving late on a regular basis eats into this and your child is missing out.



Please remember that the school gates open at 8.40am and I should be closing them at 8.50am. There are many families regularly arriving after this time. I know that sometimes traffic is an issue, but this needs to be allowed for if you are regularly close to 8.50am or beyond. When we start again after Easter, please make the additional time, if required, to be in school by 8.50am.

Payments Reminder

We are now at the end of the Spring term and the financial year. Please can I request that all outstanding balances owed to school from this term are paid this weekend on the School Money system. This may include Dinner Money, Before and After School Club or Music Tuition.

If you are struggling with these payments, please speak to school. That way we can look at options with you and we would be aware of the problem. This will of course be confidential.

A message from the Eco-Committee

Could you please remember to bring your empty ink cartridges into school. We have a recycling box which we can send off when it is full. Some parents might be able to collect them from work and send them into school as well as from home.

In case you have forgotten, the box is currently next to the School Council board outside Class 1. We can take any inkjet cartridges. Thank you. Ella (Member of the Eco-Committee)



School Council News

As we have reached the end of the half term the school council have awarded their 'Pupil Choice Awards'. This term the awards are for Honesty. The children voted for were:

Class 4 – Sofia C and Elliot F

Class 3 – Millie M and Theo C

Class 2 – Alex M and Sienna F

Thank you to the School Council for organising this award and well done to the winners.

Class 4 Drama Den Performance

The Class 4 Drama Den group will be putting on a performance called 'Ella and Ernie's Incredible Illucinations'. They have been rehearsing in their weekly sessions and are having a couple of extra rehearsals over the holidays. If you would like to see them, they are performing at Seven Arts Theatre in Chapel Allerton (LS7 3PD) on April 20th, starting at 5.45pm. There is no need to book and entry is free, but you can make a donation if you wish. For more details, contact Mrs Reynolds.

St Gemma's Easter Chick Sale

After selling out with the first clutch of chicks, we requested more. These also sold out. Whilst we do not have a confirmed total, we should have raised about £130 for this good cause. Thank you.



PTA Easter Activities Day

Today was the PTA Easter Activity Day and a great way to finish the spring term. Thank you to all the members of the PTA who were involved in setting up the activities in the hall, Easter Egg Hunts, Easter Bingo and making the end of term an enjoyable one for the children.



There were some fabulous decorated eggs on display today, which must have taken a lot of time and effort. The standard was very high so judging winners was really difficult (Thank you to some of the School Council for helping with this). Congratulations to the winners. We will try to add photographs from the day on the website as soon as possible.

Music In Worship - God So Loved – We The Kingdom

This week's song is called 'God So Loved' by We The Kingdom. This song has a simple, yet powerful, nod to perhaps the most well-known verse in all of the Bible, which relates to the Easter story. It comes from the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq5URsXbKXs>

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

This month, our quote to reflect on, is from Winnie the Pooh (A. A. Milne).



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

Date	Event
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of School before Easter
EASTER HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 19 th April	School reopens after Easter
Wednesday 20 th April	Class 4 Drama Den show 5.45pm
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
Thursday 19 th May	Rescheduled Y5/6 Boys and Girls Football Games
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 Easter break. Please remember we will be returning to school on Tuesday 19th April.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

