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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”



Dear Parents,

At Harewood, we would like to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee by highlighting the historical, cultural and social significance of this event in our lives. The activities we have planned have the aim of engaging the children in exploring the history of the UK and the monarchy and with a focus on our local community. They will encourage children to work closely with their families and explore and celebrate generational links between family members. The main activities we will be running in school and at home are the following:

What happened in the last 70 years?

Each class will learn about a specific decade or decades of the last 70 years of the Queen's reign. In school, the children will learn about significant world events that had an impact on people's life and, at the same time, they will focus on the public and private life of the Queen during the same period of time. They will research how their local community has changed during the last decades and explore links between the work of the monarchy and how this may have affected our local community. The work produced by the children will then be shared on Friday 27th May with you all.

Look like your era!

On Friday 27th May the children will have the chance to dress up wearing outfits fashionable in the decades they represent. The aim is to give children a visual experience of how much society has changed during the last 70 years. By looking at different outfits, they will see the passing of time through fashion and how society and how fashion reflects changes in society.



If your child would like to dress up, the decades chosen for each class are:

Class 4: '40s and '50s (with emphasis on the 1950s and the queen's coronation)

Class 3: '60s and '70s

Class 2: '80s and '90s

Class 1: 2000s. However, we agreed with Mrs. Watts that, in order to give Class 1 children the choice of wearing something different from what they would normally wear, their outfit will be **red, white and blue**.

Children are encouraged to research what people used to wear in the decades they will represent. They can research this topic using various sources, including visiting vintage shops or seeking help of their family members. It will be an opportunity to get to know more about the past and maybe more about their own families.

'70 years, 70 things' exhibition.

Inspired by the work of the Historical Association, we would like to put together a collection of 70 'things' that tell the story of the last 70 years: how families, our area, the UK and the world have changed; how they have developed; how they have remained the same; the people who have left an impact; how special family events have been celebrated and the things that have led to changes or continuity. Each of the things needs to be able to be represented in one image or object. It could be: a portrait of someone who is doing something, and that someone is the important 'thing' and their action had a significant impact for their family or/and community during the last 70 years; a personal item that represents an event or idea; a specific piece of technology; a place on a map; or just a 'thing'.

Children will receive a template of a caption card where they will briefly tell the story of the object they will bring to school and why it is important to them and their family. All of the 'things' collected will be exhibited in our hall in a 2-day exhibition open to children and families.

If your child would like to take part in this initiative, they are welcome to bring their objects to school by Friday 20th May. **The exhibition will be open after school on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th May for families to come and have a look.** On Wednesday, children will be able to return their objects home. We are looking forward to hosting this event which will showcase some of the changes over the last 70 years.

The Harewood Platinum Jubilee Bake Off.

As we are proudly teaching some of the most amazing bakers, we decided to give our children the opportunity to enter *The Harewood Platinum Jubilee Bake Off Competition*. Children will bake at home a Jubilee inspired cake or cupcakes (maximum 6 cupcakes) and share it with their school community. There will be a winner for each class and, in the afternoon, children and adults will enjoy tasting all of the delicious creations during our Afternoon Tea Party.

If your child would like to take part in the competition, they will bring their cakes on Friday morning.

We are delighted to be able to invite all parents to join us for the afternoon celebrations on Friday 27th May from 1:15 pm. Children's performance will start at 1:30 pm when they will share their work on the Platinum Jubilee and perform various songs. After the performance, there will be drinks and cakes to enjoy together. As this will be outside we are hoping for good weather.

Yours sincerely

All at Harewood Primary School.

