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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon, due to the PTA Pumpkin Party, we have not held a celebration assembly, so there are no certificates to report on this week.

Please remember that parents evenings are planned for the 2 weeks after half term. If you have not yet booked a time to see your class teacher, this is done using the normal online booking system. A letter outlining times and booking details was sent by the office earlier this week and a copy is available on the school website if you have not seen it.

School Uniform and Long Hair

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms and it has been lovely that a couple of recent visitors to school have commented on this. A good standard of dress can really help set the tone for the school and learning. Thank you for your help with this.

Can I request that uniform, especially jumpers, are clearly named so we can return those that are found. Our lost property pile has been steadily growing over the last few weeks.

I would also like to remind families that the expectation is that long hair is tied back for school. A simple bobble or hairband in school colours is fine. This just keeps things smart, avoids the temptation for fiddling/distraction and aids with a few health and safety issues.

If you are looking for replacement uniform, the PTA have a stock of pre-loved uniform available. Please contact the PTA or school office for a current stock list and remember that donations are also welcome.

Lateness

The school gates open at 8.40am on a morning and should close at 8.50am. On mornings where there is unusually heavy traffic we extend this time but some families push this or are beyond 8.50am nearly every day. Children arriving late miss out on learning, but also often feel unsettled going into a classroom where the rest of the children are already working. It is important that we have a settled and prompt start to the school day to make the most of every day.

‘Wellbeing Statement of the Month’

October 2022



Fire Work Display

Many families in school will remember the Adcock family, or had children in Lucy or Matthew's class. They have sent me an invitation for everyone at Harewood to a firework display that they are putting on next week in memory of Matthew.

There will be a fireworks display in memory of Matthew Adcock at 7 pm on Monday 17th October, on what would have been his 9th birthday.

If previous years are anything to go by, it will be a fantastic display. Everyone at Harewood school is welcome - and it's free.

There will be buckets fundraising for Beads of Courage in Matthew's memory (The Beads of Courage programme gives out a coloured or decorated bead to poorly children in hospital, as a symbol of their courage, suffering and resilience, every time they undergo a procedure or treatment, or pass a milestone in their treatment.)
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matthew-adcock-beads-of-courage>

The fireworks will be on the field alongside Alwoodley Lane. The gate onto the field is roughly opposite the end of Sandmoor Drive. Please park up on the roads around. There is a fenced off area through the field gate where everyone can stand.

Arrive by 6:45pm, fireworks at 7pm. They'll last just a couple of minutes.

The Adcock Family.

I am sure that the Adcocks would love families to join them and share the event with them.

Music In Worship - Songs of the Bible - Jonah and the Whale

This week's song is called 'Jonah and the Whale'. This song is about the same story from the Bible which is found in the book of Jonah from the Old Testament.

This is an exciting story as Jonah is told by God that he must go to Nineveh and tell the people living there to lead better lives or God will punish them. But Jonah doesn't want to do God's bidding so he jumps aboard a ship going in the opposite direction. God sends a great storm and the sailors throw Jonah overboard and he is promptly swallowed by the whale.

This week we are thinking how difficult it is to say thank you sometimes. It's easy to say thank you when things are going well and we are happy. Maybe when we have had our favourite tea, been given a present or been somewhere special. What if though you have just lost a sports match and you need to say thank you to the referee or someone has given you a present but it's not quite what you wanted, it's a little harder to say thank you, isn't it?

YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=xKFt0DUEONw>

Bun Sales

The PTA bun sales will be starting again on Thursday 20th October with buns provided by Class 4. Please send your child with 50p if you would like them to purchase a bun from the bun stall. Future bun sales are listed on the calendar below.

Pumpkin Party

The children looked fabulous today in their costumes. The imagination behind some of them always amazes me, as do the pumpkin designs. Despite the ghoulishness of their appearance, the children have had a fabulous day and as I write this, the party is in full swing.



I would like to thank families for their time and effort with getting the children ready but also thank the PTA members and parents who helped with setting up, supervising and making the event a big success.



Over the next few days I will add photographs onto the website for you to look.



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

Date	Event
Thursday 20 th October	PTA Bun Sale
Friday 21 st October	Training Day (School closes Thursday 20 th October for half term)
	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	School opens
Monday 31 st October	D:Side Internet Safety Workshops
Wednesday 2 nd November	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents Evenings
Thursday 10 th November	PTA Bun Sale
WB 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 24 th November	PTA Bun Sale
Friday 25 th November	Whole School Nativity Outing
Wednesday 30 th November	KS1 Production (Afternoon)
Thursday 1 st December	KS1 Production (Evening)
Friday 2 nd December	PTA Film Night (Class 1 and 2)
Friday 2 nd December	Class 4 NSPCC Workshops
Thursday 8 th December	PTA Bun Sale
Friday 9 th December	PTA Film Night (Class 3 and 4)
WB 12 th December	Final week before Christmas which will include the Nativity Performance
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Party Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	School Closes for Christmas

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

