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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

St George's Nativity Performance

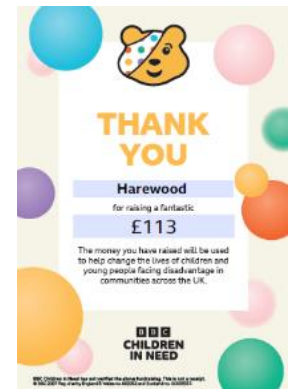


This afternoon we had a brilliant trip down to St George's Church to see their nativity performance and start our Christmas celebrations in a way that gets us all into the festive spirit. It was quite a feat to get the whole of school into Leeds and back but the children were great and had a great afternoon listening to the version of the Christmas story and singing carols. We even learnt a bit of sign language to join in with.

In school, we are now starting to concentrate on our own Nativity with learning songs and preparing to welcome families on Thursday 15th December. We will send more details of this next week.

Children in Need Update

I would like to say thank you to our School Council and Mrs Dodd for organising our Children in Need events last Friday. It was a fun day with children in their PJs and very snugly dressing gowns. By last Friday, we had raised £113, but money from things like competitions has not yet been added to this total. Thank you for your support with this.



After School Club

Over the next couple of weeks, we will need to alter the timings and availability for After School Club on a few evenings due to other events taking place in school. See below for details.

Thursday 1st December	Club closes at 4.30pm (No second session)
Friday 2nd December	Club will stay open until 5pm to allow cover for siblings at the Class 1/2 Movie Night
Friday 9th December	Club will stay open until 5pm to allow cover for siblings at the Class 3/4 Movie Night



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

November 2022



Music In Worship – Away in a Manger – Phil Wickham

This week's song is called 'Away in a Manger' by Phil Wickham. This is a traditional and popular Christmas carol we know well, but with a twist! 'Away in a Manger' was first published in 1885, but it is believed to have been composed much earlier. Phil Wickham released his version in 2019, he has changed some of the lyrics and added his own third verse.

While the Christmas story is well-known, the lyrics to 'Away in a Manger' tell a more specific and personal story. The words express both the joy and the humility of the Christmas story, and they remind us that Jesus was born into a life of simplicity. The lyrics emphasise the importance of giving and love, two of the most important themes of Christmas.

It is very easy to get distracted at Christmas by all the celebrations, but we must remember the reason we celebrate Christmas – the fact that Jesus was born. We hope you enjoy the song.

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXXpJeXCJ1w>

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

Date	Event
Wednesday 30 th November	Class 2 Production (Afternoon)
Thursday 1 st December	Class 2 Production (Evening) <i>(Please note that After School Club will finish at 4.30pm to allow time to setup for the production)</i>
Thursday 1 st December	Class 1 trip to Harewood House
Friday 2 nd December	PTA Film Night (Class 1 and 2)
Friday 2 nd December	Class 4 NSPCC Workshops
Thursday 8 th December	Class 2 trip to Harewood House
Thursday 8 th December	PTA Bun Sale (Class 1)
Friday 9 th December	PTA Film Night (Class 3 and 4) <i>No Drama Den for Class 4</i>
Wednesday 14 th December	Class 3 trip to Harewood House
Thursday 15 th December	Nativity Performances (9.30am and 2.00pm)
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

