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# 'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Happy Christmas Everyone.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a very busy one in school with the last of our classes visiting the Christmas exhibition at Harewood House and our Nativity performances. It was great to be able to welcome families into school yesterday to share our songs, readings and Class 1 acting out the Christmas story. Thank you to everyone who came and who helped make this special for the children.

Today has been party day in school with a whole range of spectacular Christmas jumpers and outfits on show. Classes have played games, done Christmas crafts and we have also had a visit from Santa.

Thank you to the PTA for sorting gifts and prizes for today and for all the other things they have helped school with this term. We are really grateful.



Photographs of the events of this week will be on the gallery page of the school website, Twitter feed and Tapestry as soon as possible if you would like a look. <https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/>

This afternoon we held our usual Friday Celebration Assembly and said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress during this last week of term.

<b><u>Class 1</u></b>
<b><u>Excellent Early Learners</u></b>
Savani S Asher I
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Hatima H Brilliant Behaviour: Paloma Y
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: All Class 3 Brilliant Behaviour: Ngozi C
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Rachel M Brilliant Behaviour: Ebube C



## School Places

This term we have had a couple of families leave Harewood due to relocating, or living at a distance from school. This is sad for us, but has meant that we do have a couple of spaces available for new children to join us. We currently have spaces in Reception, Year 2 and Year 5. If you are aware of families moving to the area, or looking for places, we would be happy to speak to them. Available places at Harewood are a rarity. We have waiting lists in other year groups, but unfortunately, these are not for the classes with spaces.

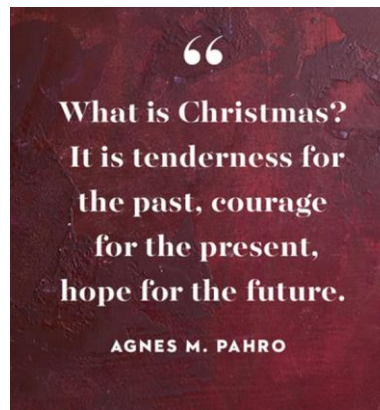
## Punctuality

The vast majority of children are very punctual when arriving on a morning, but there are a few who are regularly arriving after 8.50am. The school gates are open from 8.40am to 8.50am. If you arrive after this, you must enter through the school office and sign your child in, stating the reason for the delay. Arriving on time is very important for a settled start to the day.

At the end of the day, collection is from the playgrounds at 3.15pm. Again, most families are very punctual but there are some children who are regularly left until last. If you are held up for some reason, please let school know so we are aware of the problem.

## ***'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'***

December 2022



**Events and Dates for next term** – More details of each event will be in future newsletters or by separate communications and additional events will be added as they are confirmed.

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School opens for the spring term.
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 4 Young Voices Concert
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens after the half term break
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	D:Side PSHE Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Basket Ball Competition at Boston Spa
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes today for Easter

Finally, thank you to all the families for your support with homework, reading and activities in school this term and the very generous Christmas gifts to staff this week. We would not be the school we are without the many great children we have, the supportive families and hard working staff, who endlessly go above and beyond, to do all they can for school.

Have a good Christmas break, Happy New Year and a well deserved rest. We will see everyone back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.



Mr A. Ratcliffe

