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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon we said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress during the week.

<u>Class 1</u> <u>Excellent Early Learners</u>
Harry M Reggie J
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Taylor C Brilliant Behaviour: Rory B
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Aryana F Brilliant Behaviour: Maryam I
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Phoenix Y Brilliant Behaviour: Callum N

This week in school, we have been looking at the theme of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation, and the start of the church's year. Our preparations for Christmas, nativity plays and other festive events are well and truly underway in school but this week has been all about the Class 2 production. The children were fabulous and really did themselves proud. They have really put the effort into learning their lines, the songs and some great acting. All this came together, to give those who were able to watch them, a huge sense of pride. I have put a range of photographs on the school website if you would like to have a look. www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk



This would not have all come together without a massive amount of work over the last few months by the staff involved and especially Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Jarvis. A really big thank you to them all.



Nativity Performances



You should have received a letter home this week about the whole school Harewood Nativity. Class 1 will be performing on stage as the characters from the Christmas story, with members of Class 4 narrating. All the children in school will be singing a number of traditional carols and more modern songs to help set the scene and tell the story.

If you would like to join us, please return the reply slip with your preference for which time you would like to attend and the number of tickets you require. This will enable us to plan more accurately for numbers. Due to space in the hall with all the children, we are unfortunately having to limit tickets. After such a long break since our last 'in person' nativity, we are looking forward to being able to share this Christmas tradition with families once again.

Harewood Primary Advent Appeal

As we start advent, we have also launched our annual Advent Appeal. This year we are supporting the St George's Crypt wellbeing team appeal for gifts, which can be given to try to bring some Christmas cheer the vulnerable adults they support. The charity has said that they would like donations of Christmas chocolates, sports bottles or men's gift sets. If you feel you are able to support the Crypt and school with a donation, please bring them into school by Monday 12th December so we can get the donations to them in time for Christmas.

If you would prefer to contribute in a financial way, we have setup a JustGiving page where donations can be made directly to the charity. The link for this is below.

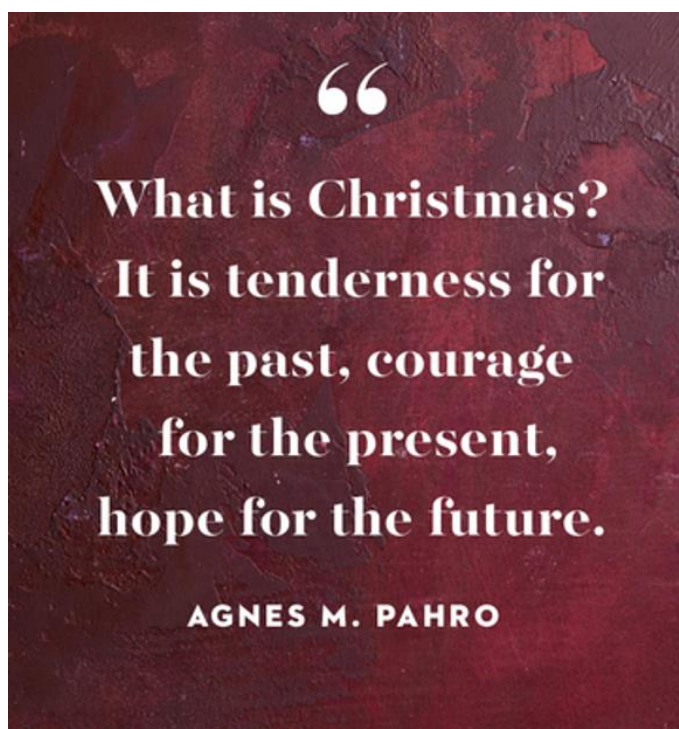


[Harewood Primary School St George's Crypt Advent Appeal](#)

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

December 2022

There are so many possibilities for our wellbeing quote with a Christmas theme. We have gone for this one, which helps us to reflect about the past, the present and the future years to come.



Music In Worship – Light of Christmas – TobyMac and Owl City

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at Harewood without one of our favourites, "Light of Christmas" by TobyMac and Owl City. TobyMac and Owl City created this song, 'Light of Christmas' for the VeggieTales Christmas film, 'Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas'. The VeggieTales series follows fruit and vegetable characters who retell Bible stories and present life lessons with a Biblical view.

Our song this week celebrates ways we can reflect on the light and love of Jesus throughout advent, leading up to Christmas, and the joy that comes from giving to others. A line in the song says, "All the good that we do for the people that don't have it so good," – it is important for us to remember that Christmas will be a different experience for some people and maybe we can help in a small way to make their Christmas special. So, through advent and in the lead up to Christmas, try to think about others and how you might be able to make their Christmas that bit more special.

Have fun singing along – see if you can master the rap section just before the chorus. Remember to take a breath! Enjoy!

YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23rntfd6qC8>

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 6 th December	Class 4 trip to Harewood House
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 – 5.30pm finish) No Drama Den for Class 4 After School Club open until 5pm
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

