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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Snow days are always a nightmare for everyone. We were determined to stay open for families whilst most other schools closed. Getting staff to Harewood is not easy and whilst many staff set off very early it took them much longer than normal to arrive this morning. This meant we were struggling to know what we could offer until quite late. Thank you to families for your understanding with this.

I have also found out during the day that our text messaging system had massive delays at the critical point this morning. It turns out that whilst my initial 7.13am message got through quickly the updates just after 8am and then at 9am did not get through to some families until a long time after this. I can only apologize if this added to the confusion. Sorry.



Those who joined us in school today got out in the snow for break times and made a selection of brilliant snow sculptures on the field. There are a few photos on Twitter and the website.

If you were not with us today, I hope you managed to stay warm and dry, and if it is your thing, get out in the snow.

<https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/2023/03/snow-day/>

PTA News

As you will have seen from messages this morning, the PTA Mother's Day event has been postponed until Friday 17th March.

If you would like your child to take part, send them with £5 per gift and they will be able to select gifts to bring home. If you have siblings in school, please discuss with your children in advance as to whether they are choosing a joint gift, or one each. This will help the volunteers who are running the event.



Strike Action Next Week

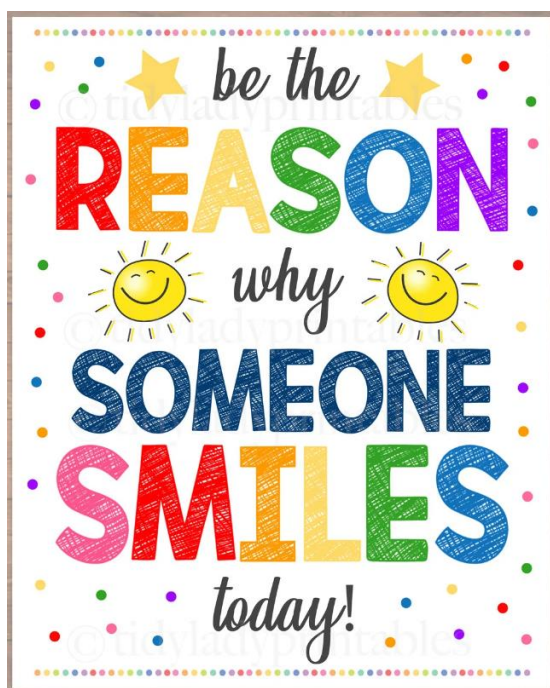
This is just a reminder to look at the letter sent out yesterday about arrangements for classes next Wednesday and Thursday. At present the dates next week are the last ones announced by the NEU for strike action but it doesn't look like there has been much progress in the dispute. We will keep families updated as we hear things. Sorry.



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

March 2023

A random act of kindness, being supportive or cheering someone up can make a really big difference to someone's day. Could it be you that makes the difference?



Music In Worship - Love in Action – Nick and Becky Drake

'Love In Action' is a song which aims to encourage us to share the message of Jesus with those people around us. The lyrics to this song, ask God to speak through us and work through our actions to show his love to the world.

This week we are thinking about 'Seeing God's Love in Action'. This means that we need to think about the things that we say and do and reflect whether they are indeed 'love in action'. So, this week, try to take a moment to think how you might react to things that happen around you. Are you showing love in its various forms to all the people around you, your family, your friends and everyone at school.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zx8Z5bEyHVE>

Events and Dates for the Term

Date	Event
Friday 17 th March	PTA Mother's Day Event
Tuesday 21 st March	Basket Ball Competition at Boston Spa
Tuesday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day
Friday 24 th March	D:Side PSHE Day
Friday 24 th March	PTA Easter Bingo Night
Monday 27 th March	St George's Church to lead an Easter Worship Event
Friday 31 st March	School closes today for Easter

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

