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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon in celebration assembly, we said 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>
Eliza K Savani S
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Bobby R Brilliant Behaviour: Leo H
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Summer H Brilliant Behaviour: Halle S
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Lulu P Brilliant Behaviour: Poppy A

World Down Syndrome Day

Next Tuesday is World Down Syndrome Day. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of Down Syndrome and how it affects people along with celebrating everyone's differences. On the day, each class will be taking part in age related activities at some point during the day to raise awareness. Many of these tasks will be from the World Down Syndrome website which is a great source of information if you would like a look. www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

On Tuesday, we would like the children to come in odd or wacky socks with the aim of thinking about everyone being different. We will also be sending home some sheets where the children can design their own themed socks. If your child would like to produce a design we will judge them on Friday morning with the aim of giving out some certificates in Friday Assembly.



PTA News

Next Friday is the PTA Easter Bingo evening starting at 5pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to join us, information and tickets can be booked from the PTA website (<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/>)



The PTA would like me to pass on the following information and requests.

* Chocolate eggs donations for tombola: please leave a school office or with class teachers

** Easter bonnet parade: time for the children get creative and decorate their Easter themed hats!

*** Can you help? Please log your preferred time on the Volunteer section of our events website.

**** Tickets now on sale at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/>

Many thanks, Harewood PTA.



Clothes Collections

For many years, the PTA has participated in the Bag2School initiative and has organised three collection dates at school each year. The scheme has worked well over the years and has generated some much-needed funds for the school. However, the scheme is a little restrictive because it relies on families donating on specific dates and therefore we have signed up to an alternative scheme called 'Rag Bag' which provides more flexibility.

The scheme is free of charge and helps to provide good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world. An 'outdoor bank' has been placed on the school playground so families can drop off textiles at their own convenience. Once the bank is almost full, the PTA will organise a collection. The textiles will be weighed upon collection and the PTA will be paid per kg donated.

Unfortunately, the scheme does not accept as big a variety of textiles as Bag2School, however we feel the convenience of being able to donate as and when families have clear outs, outweighs this.

The following items can be donated:

- Wearable clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags
- Belts

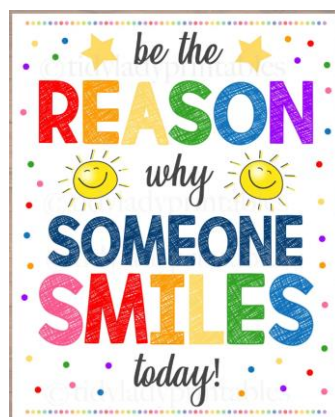
Please look out for the new outdoor bank and start donating asap, as it will help those less fortunate than ourselves, whilst also generating funds for the PTA!



'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 - Today is the Day – Lincoln Brewster

The lyrics from 'Today is the Day' suggest that we should not worry about tomorrow but always focus on today. The verse says, 'leave your past behind', don't worry about what happened yesterday, set your heart on Jesus and live today as the best day you can. It is easy to worry about things in our future but Christians believe that if we trust God, 'tomorrow' is in his hands.

This week think about living today as your best day so that every day becomes your best day. This means taking every opportunity to do your best, whether in doing a task, offering your help or when you're speaking to others. Remember 'Today is the Day'!

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

Events and Dates for the Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 21 st March	Basket Ball Competition at Boston Spa
Tuesday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day (Odd Socks)
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
Monday 17 th April	School opens for the summer term

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

