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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

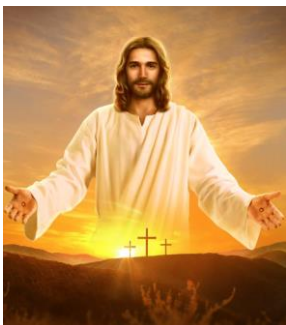
31st March 2023

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 this week.

<u>Class 1</u> <u>Excellent Early Learners</u>
Gigi T Reggie J
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Sophie M Brilliant Behaviour: Aminah R
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Luca D Brilliant Behaviour: Alice B
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Anaïs M Brilliant Behaviour: Eve M

School Easter Activities



This week was the final week before the Easter break. It started on Monday with our Collective Worship led by the youth work team from St George's church. They helped us learn about the life of Jesus through the symbolism of a tree and helped us reflect with the use of songs and music.

During the week, the classes have taken part in a number of Easter themed traditional activities including an Easter Egg hunt and various craft activities. Thank you to the PTA for providing prizes for our egg decoration competition. Classes produced some fabulous designs, which made judging the entries a challenge.

This afternoon in an extended Collective Worship, we awarded Easter prizes and sang Easter songs for families. A great way to finish the term.

St Gemma's Hospice Easter Knits

Thank you to our Church School Ambassadors for selling the Easter Knits and to families for purchasing them. We sold out by mid-week and have raised a nice amount to support the work of St Gemma's.



Class 4 visit to Boston Spa

On Wednesday Class 4 went on a trip to Boston Spa Academy to see their production 'We Will Rock You' in their new auditorium. I am told that the performers were amazing and quite an inspiration to Class 4. The class were wowed by the singing, acting and music.

Class 4 also said goodbye to Miss Houghton this afternoon. Miss Houghton has been on placement at Harewood during the spring term as part of her teacher training. We would like to thank her for all her input with Class 4 this term, and we wish her well as she looks for a permanent teaching role next year.

Healthy Snacks

At morning playtime, we encourage the children to have a healthy snack to keep them going until lunchtime. Over the last couple of months especially, we have noticed that quite a few children have started to bring all sorts of items for a snack including crisps, chocolate and a number of other items which would not be classed as a healthy snack. The children have also noticed an increase in litter round school and some of them have kindly given up their playtimes to do litter picks. When the litter was examined, the majority of it was from playtime snacks.

Our Eco-Committee have made sure that there are places to put litter and left over fruit and have also setup class composting bins which are emptied into 'Colin the Composter' on a regular basis.

To aid our promotion of healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle, and to avoid the litter issue, after the Easter break we are asking that the only snacks that are brought into school for playtime are fruit. This could be a simple piece of fruit, or fruit in a container which can be reused rather than single use plastic containers.

Our Class 1 and 2 children are provided with a piece of fruit daily as part of a government healthy eating strategy, so there is no need to provide a snack for these classes unless you choose to do so.

Please support our pupil led groups, including our Eco-Committee, School Council and MindMate Ambassadors in their campaign to reduce litter, help the environment and promote healthy living and lifestyles. Thank you.

PTA Messages

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Easter Bingo, it was a massive success and hope you enjoyed it! Thank you as well for your generous chocolate egg donations and to all our amazing volunteers who helped on the day.

Save the date! Sunday 21st of May is our brand new cycling fundraising event at the Brownlee Centre in Adel, 10:30am to 12:30m. Children will be encouraged to get sponsored to do a few laps on their bikes, scooters or even jogging or walking along the track. More information will be sent after Easter but for now please save the date and register your interest by answering our poll:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/index.cfm?event=polls>

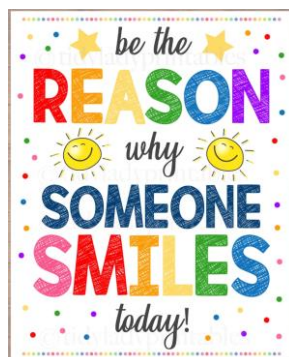
The PTA



'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 Risen – Saddleback Worship (Israel Houghton)

This week's song is called 'Risen' written by Israel Houghton, and sung by Saddleback Worship who are a team of musicians who simply love to worship Jesus through music. They record their music in California but their members are based over four continents.

Christians believe that when Jesus rose again on Easter Sunday, it changed the world forever. It is because of Jesus that we know we have hope and joy. It means that we can receive forgiveness for things we have done wrong if we are truly sorry. Easter reminds us that Jesus loves us and turns our lives around.

The lyrics to this upbeat song are simply a joyous celebration of the Easter story and the fact that Jesus is in fact 'Risen' for us today and is always with us. The joy of the performers is clear to see.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5sBvDAnNW4>

Events and Dates for the Term

Date	Event
Friday 31 st March	School closes today for Easter
Monday 17 th April	School opens for the summer term
Thursday 20 th April	PTA Bun Sale – (Buns from Class 2)
Friday 21 st April	D:Side visit to school
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	PSHE Workshops on Diversity
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Festivities (Details to follow)
Monday 8 th May	Additional Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 9 th May	WVLP Rounders Event
Thursday 25 th May	PTA Bun Sale – (Buns from Class 1)
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of School

Have a good Easter break and see you on Monday April 17th.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

