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# 'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

9<sup>th</sup> June 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.

<b><u>Class 1</u></b> <b><u>Excellent Early Learners</u></b>
Gigi T Jason B
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Jacob F Brilliant Behaviour: Seren S
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Jack B Brilliant Behaviour: Sophie L
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Sam A Brilliant Behaviour: George R

It has been great to welcome the children back this week after the half term break and find out some of the things they have been up to during the break. This week marks the start of the final half term of this school year. Summer terms are always busy in schools and this one will be no different. Please keep an eye out for details of activities either in whole school communications or via the class weekly updates.

## Summer Concert

Last summer you may remember that we held an end of year concert out on the school field. It was an opportunity for our musicians to perform and classes to sing songs for families. Last summer we were blessed with sunny weather but this cannot be guaranteed in a British Summer. Wet weather would mean we had to postpone or cancel, which is not ideal. The school hall is just too small to use for an event of this type and the village hall is the same.

This year we are looking to hold a similar event for families. One idea to mitigate the weather issue is to use Harewood church on the estate. We have permission to do so, but there is currently no power in the church. The large windows mean that lighting is not too much of an issue but we cannot use the electric piano or some of the amplification equipment that we would want to use.

I am hoping that one of our families could potentially offer a solution to this problem with some form of portable power source or generator that we could use. If you have an idea, I would welcome suggestions. Please catch me on the gate or message me and we can have a chat.

It would be good to be able to use the church for the event, if we can come up with a plan. If not, we are looking to use the school field again as we did last year and hope for good weather. The date will be confirmed once everything is arranged, but it will be during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July.



## School Uniform Reminder

Thank you to families for supporting school in keeping the children smart in their uniforms. Please can I request that you check everything is named, especially jumpers, so we can return lost items.

Can I also remind families that earrings should be simple, small studs, not loops or dangling for safety reasons. Other jewellery including bracelets and necklaces are not allowed in school.



## Playground Enhancements

A while back Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Wright undertook surveys with the children about playtimes. The outcome of this was that whilst the children were happy with playtimes, they made a number of suggestions to make things better. These included more use of the field (weather dependent), restricting football to part of the field to allow others to use the field as well, adapting the rotas for the use of equipment and the provision of a performance area.

As the result of these requests, a number of changes have been implemented and a request went out to families to see if it were possible to provide some outdoor staging. Very kindly, a few families contributed to this either financially or by making stage blocks. The stage blocks, constructed by one of the grandparents, arrived recently and are now in place on the playgrounds. The photos below show these in action but Mrs Reynolds has several ideas for enhancing this further. The financial donations will be used for this, and other play improvements in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who donated time, resources or money for this. We really appreciate it.



## PTA Reminders

- It is Frozen Friday's time! For your convenience please pay £5 directly by bank transfer to cover ice cream sale for all Fridays until the end of term: Harewood School PTA, Sort Code 08-92-99, Account 67206591. (For families who are new to Harewood since last summer, on a Friday after school the PTA supply lollies to the children. This happens every week from next week with the exception of the Summer Fair week.)
- Summer Fair on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm, tickets now on sale in our website for £5 per family to include programme, arts and crafts hub, and an ice cream for the children. Raffle tickets also on sale for £1 each. Pre book only and sale closes 22<sup>nd</sup> of June: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/>



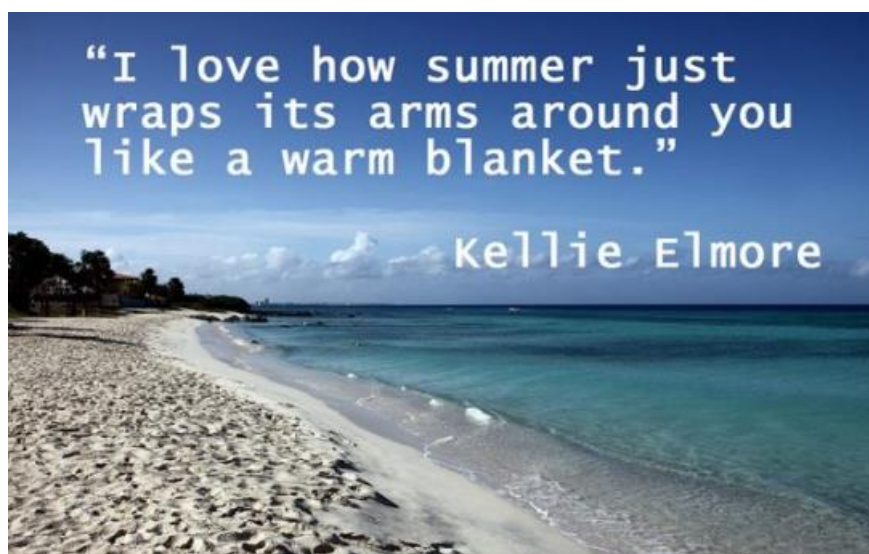
Many thanks, PTA.



## 'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

June 2023

It is now the second part of the summer term and the weather for the last couple of weeks has been great. This month's quote will hopefully carry on the summery feeling.



### Music In Worship - This is the Kingdom – Spring Harvest

This week's song is called 'This is the Kingdom' by Spring Harvest. Spring Harvest is a teaching and worship event for everybody. It happens every year in April where Christians come together to meet and share in worship of all different kinds

'This is the Kingdom' is the theme song for 2023 and is an upbeat, fun-filled declaration of the Kingdom of God. Christians are called to model a way of life that challenges the status quo and infuses the world with hope and possibility.

This week we are thinking about 'telling the whole story'. When we think about the whole story of Jesus, his life was flipped upside down. He was born a pauper, the Prince of Peace born into chaos and the creator of all things gave Jesus no place to rest his head other than a manger. The light of the world became overshadowed during his life and yet that is not the whole story because we know how the story ends and that Christians believe Jesus saved us.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lk\\_kExZfDNE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lk_kExZfDNE)

### Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 4 Residential
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	No Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (1.15pm start)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Class Photographs
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day (If it is wet on the 20 <sup>th</sup> )
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 4 Football Match (Rearranged Date)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Speaking Competition (Classes 3 and 4)



Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> +Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bikeability (New Date)
WB 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Concert (Date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up Morning (Meet your new teacher / class)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 3 Trip to Leeds City Museum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 3 Production (2pm and 6pm)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closes at 3.15pm for the Summer (School opens again on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September)

***Due to me being with Class 4 on residential next week, we will not be holding a Friday celebration assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We will be back to normal the week after.***

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

