



'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress with their work or their behaviour and attitude.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners All of Class 1
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Laara H Brilliant Behaviour: Elizah K
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Ida C Brilliant Behaviour: Emily J
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Poppy A Brilliant Behaviour: Edwin K

This week classes have been busy choosing their class representatives. This has included new School Council members, a new Eco-Committee and new Church School Ambassadors. This afternoon in assembly, many of these were presented with their badges and the first meetings for the groups will happen in the next couple of weeks. I would like to say well done to all the children who put themselves forward to represent their classes. This was a great thing for them to do and shows that the children really want to get involved with contributing to the school community.

Reminders

Coats - The end of the summer weather arrived this week with quite a contrast between Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday was wet at both playtime and lunch time. We like to take the children outside for playtimes whenever possible, but we found that there were a considerable number of children without coats, despite it raining at drop off time in the morning. Please send your child with a coat every day to help us with going outside and keeping the children dry for lesson times.

Snacks and Drinks - At morning break it is a good opportunity for the children to have a snack. Classes 1 and 2 are provided with fruit by school. Classes 2 and 3 can bring their own from home. This must be a fruit or vegetable, healthy snack. This could be as simple as bringing a banana or apple but if your child prefers something more exotic or chopped and put in a container, that is also fine. Crisps, biscuits and chocolate type snacks are not allowed, both to keep things healthy and reduce the amount of litter/rubbish round school.



We would also encourage the children to bring a drinks bottle to school each day, especially when it is warm so they can stay hydrated. These must be filled with water only, not juice, and can be easily refilled in classroom during the day.

Uniform - The vast majority of the children are looking great in their uniforms but we have had a few children arriving at school without full uniform this week. It is mainly ties that are not being worn but also trainers being worn when it is not PE day. There may be times when this is due to a medical reason or an emergency if shoes fall apart, but at other times shoes should be worn.

Timekeeping - The traffic round school has been noticeably busier this last week and I know this can be an issue for families but please remember that children arriving after 8.50am need to be brought into school via the office and signed in late. At the end of the day, school finishes at 3.15pm. Please let school know if you unavoidably held up, so class teachers know.

SEND Local Offer

The Leeds Local Offer website (www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk) is a resource outlining what Leeds has to offer for those 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and has been operational since September 2014.

The Leeds Local Offer is a single place where young people with SEND, their parents and carers and professionals can find out about services that are available in Leeds. It is not just a directory of services, it is the unique place where young people with SEND and their families can provide suggestions for improving services and for new services they need.

Information about the Local Offer and school resources can also be found on our school website www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/send/

PTA news

We welcome everyone to a new school year and is straight down to business for the PTA! Inviting all parents to our Annual General Meeting on the 29th of September at 9am (venue TBC). We need your support, please come and join us!

Attached with this letter is a letter for new families from the PTA explaining who everyone is and some of the work of the PTA.

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

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Sometimes when we start something new it is strange or difficult. It can also be exciting and give you a real boost. As we start a new school year, however you are feeling, 'Believe in Yourself.' and you will do more than you thought you could.



Collective Worship Music - My Lighthouse – Rend Collective

This week we have chosen 'My Lighthouse' by Rend Collective – it is one of our favourite songs in school and this is also a lovely opportunity to introduce it to Class 1.

'My Lighthouse' has some amazing lyrics that perhaps we are so used to that we don't think what we are singing about. Jesus said "I am the Light of the world" and the metaphor of Jesus being our lighthouse is a modern picture of how Jesus is still the Light of our world. It is a song that tells us God will be there for us, no matter what we are going through, God's love will guide us through. Christians believe that God is faithful and constant in our lives and we can trust that whatever we are going through, God will always lead us 'safe to shore', just like a lighthouse guiding ships to shore. God will always guide you home.

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAIJKv7ptU>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Friday 22nd Sept	Class 1 Phonics Meeting (3.20pm)
Monday 25 th Sept	Class 1 Phonics Meeting (6.00pm)
Friday 29 th Sept	PTA AGM 9am (Location TBC)
Friday 29 th Sept	Leeds United Foundation – Choices Workshop – Y6
Wednesday 4 th Oct	Individual Photos Day
Wednesday 18 th Oct	Class 3 trip to Murton Park (Roman Day)
Wednesday 25 th Oct	Class 2 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 27 th Oct	Training Day
Monday 6 th Nov	School reopens for the second half term.
Wednesday 8 th Nov	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 29 th Nov	D:Side workshops – Internet safety
Friday 8 th Dec	Class 4 trip to Murton Park (The Home Front – WW2)
Friday 22 nd December	School finishes today for the Christmas break

(More dates will be added as they are confirmed)

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

