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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

22nd 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 Emmie B Freddie P
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Aminah R Brilliant Behaviour: Isla M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Ida C Brilliant Behaviour: Henley H
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Lulu P Brilliant Behaviour: Sachin C

Eco-Committee News

This week some of our pupil groups have met for the first time. Our Eco-Committee have been doing a number of surveys round school to ask about people's opinions on a number of environmental issues and also find out how 'green' our school building is. Hopefully the results of these surveys can help us make improvements.

School Harvest Festival

The week beginning 2nd October is going to be our Harvest Festival week in school. During this week classes, at an age appropriate level will learn about how their food is grown, harvested, prepared and that people do not all have equal access to the food produced. It is a time to be thankful for the food we have the choices we are able to make daily and help those less fortunate.

This year we are holding a food collection in aid of the Wetherby and District Foodbank. A member of their staff will be joining us for our collective worship at the start of the week to tell the children about their work and how to access support if this is needed. On Friday 6th October our usual Celebration Assembly, will be changed to our Harvest Festival, where classes will be sharing some of their work and showing some of the things they have been learning. It would be great if families could join us for this celebration.



Although this is still a couple of weeks away, I wanted to give families notice. You have always been very generous in the past with supporting harvest collections and I am hoping that this will be the same this year. The Wetherby Foodbank supports families in our area with emergency food packs as well as providing longer term advice and support where needed. At this time of ever-increasing prices, the Foodbank is finding more families are being referred to them and it would be great to be able to help them as much as possible.

I have attached information with this letter with information about the Foodbank and the sorts of things they would like donating. I will send more information next week but in the meantime, please have a look at the information attached, their website (<https://wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>) and look out for more details next week.

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs – Please help us.

After Mrs Reynolds asked for suggestions for names for our before and after school clubs last year they have now been renamed The Sunrise Club (Before School) and The Sunset Club (After School) and they also have a new logo. As we progress through the term, we will be promoting some of their activities and themed sessions. Please keep an eye out for these.

Where we need help, is with bookings. Since the start of term, we have had an increased number of children turning up for the clubs without a booking being made. Whilst we have always accommodated these children, it means that the staff at the club cannot plan effectively for the number of children. This is especially a problem for the evening session where food is cooked. In the last 2 weeks we have had children stay who we were not expecting, meaning there was not enough food prepared and then on other nights food has been wasted as the staff have had to predict if children are staying for tea or not. We want to be able to keep bookings flexible and costs down for families, but without everyone helping with this, we may have to either increase prices, or limit bookings and we want to avoid this.



PTA AGM

Next Friday morning is the PTA AGM starting at 9am at Muddy Boots Cafe. This should be a shortish meeting where families have the chance to get together and think about planning events for the rest of the school year. Going to the meeting does not mean that you will be volunteered for a job, but it would be great if as many people as possible could go along and support. The PTA do a fantastic job in supporting our school and providing the extras which all add to the enjoyment for the children.

More details have been sent out via the class WhatsApp groups.



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

September 2023

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 - Peace Like a River – Listener Kids

This week's song is called 'I've Got Peace Like a River'. This is an African-American spiritual. Spirituals began on the fields and the slaves would sing to pass the time of day, it was a way to boost morale as they longed for freedom. It was also a great way to pass messages along and share the gospel.

The lyrics to this song are simple but powerful. Love, joy and peace are the first three fruits mentioned in the fruits of the spirit in the book of Galatians in the Bible. This song uses water, as a simile, to describe them. It compares the peace of God to a flowing river, the joy of Jesus to a merrily bubbling fountain and the love of God to a deep wide ocean.

While the song is often associated with Christianity, its message of peace, love, and joy is universal and can be applied to people of all faiths and beliefs. It is a universal message that transcends religion and can bring comfort and hope to people in times of need, no matter what is going on in their lives.

This week we are thinking about how Jesus was a peacemaker and we can think about how we can apply this to our lives too. Peace is all about how we feel inside ourselves. We need to look after ourselves and look for opportunities to spread kindness and compassion to others.

YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Monday 25 th Sept	Class 1 Phonics Meeting (6.00pm)
Friday 29 th Sept	PTA AGM 9am
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)
Thursday 19 th Oct	PTA Bun Sale (Class 3)
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



Thursday 16 th Nov	PTA Bun Sale (Class 2)
Wednesday 29 th Nov	D:Side workshops – Internet safety
Friday 8 th Dec	Class 4 trip to Murton Park (The Home Front – WW2)
Thursday 14 th Dec	PTA Bun Sale (Class 1)
Friday 22 nd Dec	School finishes today for the Christmas break

(More dates will be added as they are confirmed)

Have a good weekend.
Mr A. Ratcliffe

