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# 'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our first Friday Celebration Assembly of the year, we said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress this week. It was really difficult for teachers to decide with everyone making a great start.

<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: All of Class 2 Brilliant Behaviour: All of Class 2
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Zachary K Brilliant Behaviour: Francesca W
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Gracie C Brilliant Behaviour: Luca D

It has been great to welcome the children and families back to school for the start of the new school year. The children have made a great start and really impressed their new teachers in the first few days in their new year groups.

## New Classes and starting the New Year

To give everyone the best possible start we want to quickly get back into the normal routines. Sometimes this is difficult when your child starts a new class and things feel a little different. To help with this we will be opening classes up to parents next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> September) from 3.15pm at pickup time, so your child can show you round the classroom, you can meet the teacher and have chance for an informal chat. This is probably a good time to ask about things you are unsure of, clarify expectations or just come and say hello.

Classes will also be sending out curriculum packs to families. These packs will give you information about class routines specific to your year group, give you an overview of the things the children will be learning and outline some of the things you can do at home to support.

One of the best ways to keep up to date with upcoming events is via the class weekly updates. These will be coming out every Friday during the year and will keep families informed of what is going on in each class. Remember copies of these can also be found on the school website in the class pages.

## After School Clubs

Multi-sports after school clubs and Dram Den will be starting next week. Please keep an eye out for other clubs which we will open up to specific year groups in the coming weeks. Details of booking places, times, dates, etc. will be available as soon as staff have confirmed which days they are able to do.



## Eco-News

In the Summer Term, we applied for the renewal of our Green Flag and we passed with flying colours! The Eco-Schools Team were very impressed with our Eco-Committee's work. They said that the work we do at Harewood ***"Shows that young people... are aware of environmental issues and committed to being active and creating positive change. This knowledge and attitude have provided your school with excellent foundations for the many successes that you've achieved this year. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag!"***



Our children, with the invaluable support of Mrs. Minshull, have made a huge, positive impact in our school. Thank you everyone!

We're now recruiting the new Eco-Committee 2023-2024, we're looking forward to a new, green year!

Mrs Wright and the Eco-Committee at Harewood 🌱

## RAAC Concrete

You will have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have identified RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore we will continue to function as normal. This is one of the few times when having an old building has been advantageous to us. We have very little concrete in school and from what has been identified so far, it is not RAAC and was installed outside the dates which are of concern.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

## New Parent Support Group

There is a fantastic new parent/carer support group starting up within the Wetherby area at the end of September. This a space for parents and carers of children with additional needs to come together and share advice and support. If anyone is interested in attending, please refer to the contact details on the poster which I have attached with the newsletter (Called 'You've got this'). Feel free to share this information with friends or family members living locally that you think might like to attend.



## '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.





## Reach – S Club 7

Our first song for this academic year is called 'Reach' by S Club 7. Their song 'Reach' was released in 2000 and is an up-tempo, feel-good track. The song discusses how, if you follow your dreams, and "reach for the stars", you are destined to fulfill your goals.

This week we are thinking about new starts as we begin the new academic year. As you listen to the song, think about these lyrics;

*"The sky's the limit you can reach your goal  
No-one knows just what the future holds  
There ain't nothing you can't be  
There's a whole world at your feet"*

It is a time for new challenges and new starts, whether that is a new class with a new teacher or you are now the grown-up ones in your class, leading the way. It is up to you to make great choices this year with your attitude to learning and your behaviour. Your future path is not set, it is up to you to pave the way. Remember, the sky is the limit!

Here is the website link for the song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqUoJ\\_uu284](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqUoJ_uu284)

## Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Informal 'Meet the teacher' afternoon (3.15 to 4pm)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Leeds United Foundation – Primary Choices Programme – Y6
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual Photos Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class 3 trip to Murton Park (Roman Day)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Training Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School reopens for the second half term.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	D:Side workshops – Internet safety
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School finishes today for the Christmas break

*(More dates will be added as they are confirmed)*

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

