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# 'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the whole school took a trip into Leeds city centre to St George's Church to see their Nativity 'Part of our World'. We joined a number of other school from across the Leeds area and were able to watch their youth work team perform, sing and entertain us with a modern interpretation of the story of the birth of Jesus. This was a great way for us to properly start the Advent season in school, but also a wonderful opportunity to do something of this nature as a whole school. Thank you to all the adults who volunteered to help supervise and also to the children for being such great ambassadors for our school.



## Royal Society Young Person's Book Prize 2023

We are very excited to report that we have been given the honour of setting up a judging panel for The Royal Society Young Person's Book Prize 2023.

The children were given information about The Royal Society, the competition, the shortlisted books to be judged and the judging process in Thursday's collective worship and I was very happy to see lots of enthusiastic faces. The children have been invited to put themselves forward for the judging panel by filling in a short application form. The time scale is tight, with a deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> February and six books to judge, so I need the applications returning to school by Wednesday next week please, either to myself or Mrs Flowerdew.

If you would like more information about The Royal Society, the Young Person's Book Prize or the judging process, please email me or have a look at the website here: <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/book-prizes/young-peoples-book-prize>



Thank you!  
Mrs Watts

## International Languages Week

We're very excited for next week when our children will share their expertise in Modern Foreign Languages and become teachers for the week. In each class, children have started organising activities to promote and teach the language they know. They'll mainly focus on greetings and/or numbers up to 10 to make the teaching and learning of so many wonderful languages more accessible for all. Your children may ask you for some support at home and I thank you in advance for your cooperation. In Celebration Assembly, next Friday, we will all be able to share some of the amazing learning happening during the week.

We're very much looking forward to a week where children will enjoy embracing and celebrating cultural diversity.

Mrs. Wright



## ***'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'*** **November 2023**

This month our wellbeing statement links with November's Kindness Week. Any act of kindness however big or small can make a difference to someone.



### **Collective Worship Music - Light of Christmas – TobyMac and Owl City**

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at Harewood without one of our favourites, "Light of Christmas" by TobyMac and Owl City. TobyMac and Owl City created this song, 'Light of Christmas' for the VeggieTales Christmas film, 'Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas'. The VeggieTales series follows fruit and vegetable characters who retell Bible stories and present life lessons with a Biblical view.

Our song this week celebrates ways we can reflect on the light and love of Jesus throughout advent, leading up to Christmas, and the joy that comes from giving to others. A line in the song says, "All the good that we do for the people that don't have it so good," – it is important for us to remember that Christmas will be a different experience for some people and maybe we can help in a small way to make their Christmas special. This might involve donating food or small presents to charities. This song helps us remember that the true light of Christmas comes from thinking about others. So, through advent and in the lead up to Christmas, try to think about others and how you might be able to make their Christmas that bit more special.

Have fun singing along – see if you can master the rap section just before the chorus. Remember to take a breath! Enjoy!

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23rntfd6qC8>

## Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	D:Side workshops – Internet safety
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 3 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 2 Production 2pm and 6pm <b>(No After School Club today)</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 1 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Leeds 2023 Children's Day Reimagined Assembly for KS2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 4 trip to Murton Park (The Home Front – WW2)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Bun Sale (Class 1)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 2 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 4 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Harewood Village Carol Service
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity performance
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	School finishes today for the Christmas break

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

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

