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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

15th December 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 Mohammed-Yahya L Freddie R
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Savani S Brilliant Behaviour: Leo H
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Ngozi C Brilliant Behaviour: Sophie M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Rasta A Brilliant Behaviour: Emily C

Next week is the final week of the autumn term. It has been a busy one with lots going on including trips, performances, visitors to school and there has been a lot of great work produced, which the children should be proud of.

Next Friday Celebration Assembly

Next Friday we are going to try something slightly different in terms of the timings of our celebration assembly. We will be holding the assembly at **1.30pm** rather than 2.40pm but families are very welcome to join us as usual. We should be finished by approximately 2pm when you will be free to take your children should you choose to.

If you are unable to attend the celebration assembly but would like to collect your child any time after 2pm, you may. School will be open as normal until 3.15pm, but this gives families the option to get away early for the Christmas weekend.

Harewood Nativity

Our Nativity performances are being held on Wednesday 20th December. The 2 performances are ticketed events. If you requested tickets, these should have come home with your children earlier in the week. Our children are looking forward to performing and singing for you at this event and our pianists will also be playing prior to both performances.

If you are coming to the 9.30am performance you are welcome to stay at school and have a drink and festive snack prior to the performance. If you are attending the 2pm



performance, we will open the main gates once the hall is setup (probably around 1.30pm) and again you may join us before the performance to listen to the pianists and share a drink and snack.

Christmas Party Day

Thursday is Christmas Party Day in school. Each class will be having an end of term celebration during the day, Monti and the kitchen team are cooking Christmas dinner and hopefully we will be having a special visitor to school during the afternoon.

Thursday is also the day to wear your best Christmas outfits. It would be great to see lots of Christmas jumpers, hats, headbands, etc. to help us get truly into the Christmas spirit.



Advent Collection

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. In school our collective worships for the second part of this term are focussing on the Christmas story and Jesus as a gift to the world.

Each year our school makes an Advent collection for a worthy cause, and this year we have been asked by the St George's Crypt homeless charity if we could support their campaign to give gifts to the homeless of Leeds this Christmas.

The charity are going to supply back packs which contain a number of both useful and gift-like things to the people they support. They have asked if it would be possible for school to collect any of the following items to go into the backpacks.

- Thermal cups,
- Hats,
- Gloves,
- Chocolate,
- Lynx type gift sets,



Our families are always very generous with collections like this, and I am hoping that we will be able to make a fabulous collection to support the charity this Christmas. Donations are being collected on Thursday 21st December. It would be great to have a good collection to give to the homeless of Leeds this festive season and thank you to the families who ave already brought items during this week.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Drama Den and Chess clubs have now finished for this term. Multi-sports does carry on into the last week. Please look out for information regarding the spring term clubs once these are finalised with staff.

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

December 2023

This month our wellbeing statement has a Christmas theme but equally fits any point in the year.

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when
you
Choose
joy
You feel good
& when you feel
good, YOU do good
& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just
might inspire
them to do
the same.



Collective Worship Music - Born is the King (It's Christmas) - Hillsong

This week's song is called "Born is the King" by Hillsong Worship. 'Born is the King' is a Christmas song based on a verse from the book of Isaiah in the Bible chapter 9, verse 6;

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

As the song tells us, Jesus is a gift from God, he was "gifted from heaven to a manger". We celebrate and rejoice the birth of Jesus at Christmas time as a symbol of hope for the world. This song is a call to celebrate by lifting up our voices and singing out our praises that Jesus has been born.

YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6OoAZbAQg>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Nativity performances at 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 21 st Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22 nd Dec	1.30pm Celebration Assembly
	School finishes today for the Christmas break.
	No Sunset Club (After School Club) available.

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

