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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

1st 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 Emmie B Luca D
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: (To be awarded next week) Brilliant Behaviour: Henry R
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: (To be awarded next week) Brilliant Behaviour: Sienna F
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Aston F Brilliant Behaviour: William K

Last Friday, as you know, the whole school went down to St George's Church to see their nativity. We had a great time and I have now added a few photos onto the school website if you would like a look. During the week St George's sent over a couple of posters giving information about some of their Christmas activities. I have attached these with this letter in case anyone is interested in joining them over the Christmas period.

This week in school we welcomed 'D:Side Dave', who was working with Classes 2, 3 and 4 on the topic of Internet Safety and keeping yourself safe online. Each session had an age appropriate input and great fun for the children whilst learning important lessons about this issue. Our school website has a page on this topic if are in need of guidance or would like to learn more on this topic.

www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/online-safety/

Class 2 have been busy rehearsing for their class production of Beauty and the Beast next week. On Wednesday they will be sharing this with their families. I have to say, what I have seen so far looks fabulous.



Languages Week

What a fun week we've had teaching and learning languages from all over the world. We're blessed at Harewood to have such a diverse and multicultural community with a lot to offer and to share. We've learned from each other, children have been teachers for the week and they've worked hard researching languages, preparing amazing videos and presentations, planning and delivering lessons. This afternoon, in Celebration Assembly, it was lovely to see so many smiling children sharing what they learned and taught during the week. Thank you, families, for supporting and encouraging your child to prepare so many fun activities.

Mrs Wright.



Nativity Carol Sheets

It is that wonderful time of year again and Christmas preparations are well and truly under way at school. As well as learning songs in the classes, the children are also learning some Christmas carols. As wonderful as these are, there are a lot of lyrics to learn. We are, of course, practising them in school as much as we can but it would be really helpful if you could help your child learn them at home. It is the repetition that helps us to remember songs, so just singing them through will help massively with learning the lyrics.

We've given the children a lyrics sheet to take home to help make sure that everyone is learning the same words and an electronic version has also been sent with the newsletter this week.

Thank you for your help and support. Mrs Jarvis.

In the next few days we will be sending out information about the School Nativity including times and a slip to return for ticket requests. Please look out for these coming home with the children.

Parking issues

I know this comes up fairly frequently, but earlier in the week I received an email and photo from a local resident who had struggled to get round a large 4x4 parked across the pavement outside school, near the white gates. However late, rushed or busy it is, please be careful where you park to avoid blocking entrances, pavements and potentially causing a danger to both the local residents and our own families, especially as it is now getting dark at the end of the school day.

Job Vacancy

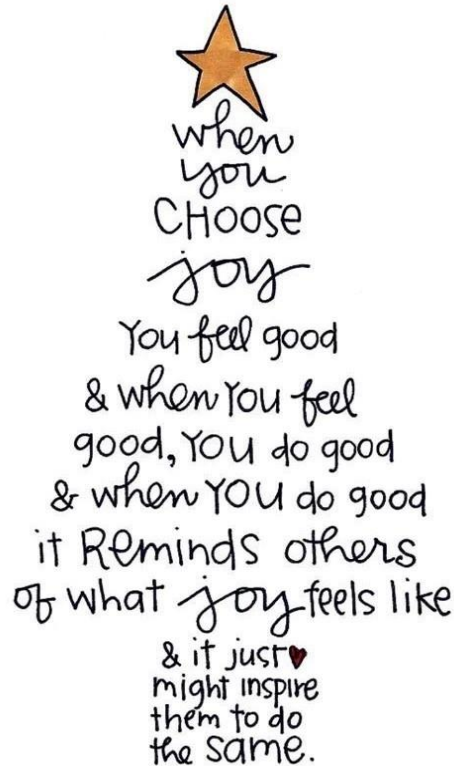
School is currently advertising for a 1:1 SEND Support Assistant to cover a maternity leave. The position is to cover for Miss Longthorne who is not going to be with us after the February half term break. If you are interested in further information, or know anyone who might be, please pass on this information. The advert and full details are available on the Leeds Vacancies website. [1:1 SEND Learning Support Assistant \(E2203\) - Harewood CE Primary School | Leeds Jobs](#)



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

December 2023

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



Collective Worship Music - Joy to the World - Pentatonix

This week's song is called "Joy to the World" by Pentatonix. Pentatonix are an 'A cappella' group – this means that they sing without any instrumental accompaniment in the style of church music. So, everything you hear in this song is sung by the people you can see on the video.

'Joy to the World' is a traditional Christmas carol that was written in 1719, so just over 300 years ago! The words are based on Psalm 98 from the Bible. The first line, 'Joy to the World, the Lord is come', is a celebration of Jesus being born. Many people have recorded this song but I think this is a special and unusual version – it is a classic song but with a contemporary twist.

YouTube links - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Xo64Q2ucQ8>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Class 3 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays
Wednesday 6 th Dec	Class 2 Production 2pm and 6pm (No After School Club today)
Thursday 7 th Dec	Class 1 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays
Thursday 7 th Dec	Leeds 2023 Children's Day Reimagined Assembly for KS2
Friday 8 th Dec	Class 4 trip to Murton Park (The Home Front – WW2)
Thursday 14 th Dec	PTA Bun Sale (Class 1)
Thursday 14 th Dec	Class 2 to visit Harewood House Christmas Displays



