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'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

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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 in our final week of the autumn term.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Freddie P. Emmie B.
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Year 1 Brilliant Behaviour: Year 2
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Year 3 Brilliant Behaviour: Year 4
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Isa I Brilliant Behaviour: Sienna F

After a very long term we have reached the last day before the Christmas and New Year break. This week has been a very busy one, but filled with the joys of the season and hopefully the children will have made some memories which will stay with them for the years to come.

Harewood Nativity

It was great to be able to share our whole school nativity with families on Wednesday despite a marginal crisis at lunch time on Wednesday when Harewood village experienced a power cut for nearly 2 hours. The children were great with their singing but especially well done to Class 1 for their acting and Year 6 for narrating the story. I would like to also thank Mrs Watts for her input with Class 1, Mrs Jarvis for her input into with the singing and pianists and all the staff for the time they have put into rehearsing and preparing things.



If you would like to look at some of the photographs from the performances, these are on the school website on the gallery page. www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/

Advent Collection

Yesterday one of the volunteers from the St George's Crypt homeless charity came to school to collect the donations from families. Thank you to everyone who contributed. For a small community we made a great collection for those in need this Christmas.

This morning I received a message from the collections organiser who thanked you all, and was amazed at how much we had donated. She said it will make a huge difference to a lot of people this Christmas. Thank you.

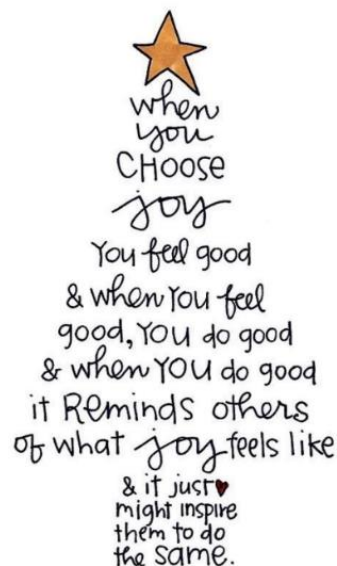


Extra Curricular Clubs

This week Mrs Flowerdew has sent out information regarding a number of clubs starting again in January. These include Drama Den, Chess and Multi-Sports. Some other clubs in the spring will be year group specific. Please look out for these in the first couple of weeks back.

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month' December 2023

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



Staff Gifts

As ever, the families at Harewood have been very generous with the gifts they have given to staff this Christmas. Please can I thank you on behalf of all the staff for this generosity. The gifts and messages are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Collective Worship Music - Hope Was Born This Night – Sidewalk Prophets

The lyrics of this song remind us that 'Hope' was indeed born on that special night hundreds of years ago in the town of Bethlehem. A young couple tired from a long journey, an innkeeper who was kind enough to offer his stable and a night sky full of twinkling stars awaiting the moment of hope. Hope was born on that starry night, in the form of a baby called Jesus. He was born to offer hope to our world, and everyone upon it, whoever and wherever they are.

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fok1h3p1sh8>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Monday 8 th January	School opens for the spring term.
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 5 visit to Boston Spa High School.
Thursday 18 th January	PTA Bun Sale.
Friday 19 th January	Northern School of Dance Workshops.
Friday 26 th January	PTA Movie Night (Younger Children).
WB 29 th January	Wellbeing – Resilience week.
Friday 26 th January	PTA Movie Night (Older Children).
WB 5 th February	Book Fair in school.
Wednesday 7 th February	Class 3 Trip – Headingley Water Treatment Works.
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term at 3.15pm.
Monday 19 th February	School opens.

Have a great Christmas and New Year break. May it be happy, restful and full of joy.
Mr A. Ratcliffe

