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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in our usual celebration assembly, 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 Bob W L'Nayah B
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Yahya M Brilliant Behaviour: Harry M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Elana H Brilliant Behaviour: (Saved for next week)
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Sienna C Brilliant Behaviour: Jack B

Resilience Week

Next week we are holding a 'Resilience Week'. The aim of the week is to continue our work raising the awareness and importance of wellbeing. Classes will be taking time to understand what it means to be resilient but also ways to seek help and deal with situations that we encounter.

The week will start with an input from members of the NHS MindMate Support team. They are going to lead an assembly on Monday morning and then work with each class during the day. During their workshops the children will work on themes such as: understanding emotions, the Power of Yet, Growth Mindset and a number of stress relieving techniques. Classes will then follow-up this input during the week.

As part of our week we will also be working with members of the Leeds Rhinos Foundation on Wednesday afternoon. They are going to do a whole school input on teamwork and inclusivity before working with our older children to follow this up.

The activities for the week should be great fun but also a really useful input on coping with anxiety, stress and building resilience in these situations, but also being aware that there is support and there are things that can be done to help.

Book Fair

We are very pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 5th February to Thursday 8th February 2024

Before the Book Fair arrives in school, we are running a competition to give everyone the chance to win a book token that can be redeemed against a book of their choice at the book fair.



All the children in school have been given a blank bookmark and we asking everyone to decorate their bookmark at home in any way you choose but to include an inspirational reading quote. The book mark can be decorated one sided or on both sides if you choose. Please make sure your child's name is included in the design.

All entries will be judged on Thursday 1st February. There will be one prize for each class. Please make sure that entries are returned to your child's class teacher before then.



The winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 2nd February.

Good Luck!
Mrs Burnley

Attendance

Many of you will have seen that school attendance is a topic for the media at the moment with many settings seeing a reduction in attendance post the COVID disruptions. At Harewood, our levels of attendance are generally good but we are seeing an increase in the number of families requesting time out of schools for family holidays. Whilst we are grateful that families let us know that they are going away and do not cover this up, we are not allowed to authorise this type of leave. The types of situations where schools are able to authorise leave are few and very specific.

This week we have undertaken an attendance review in school, as we are required to do on a regular basis. The target attendance figure for Harewood is to be above 97%. An attendance figure for an individual below 95% is considered a concern, whilst a figure of below 90% is classes as Persistently Absent. School has a duty to notify families where low attendance is occurring. Those families whose children fall into this category will be receiving a letter to notify them of this, along with a copy of the child's attendance report. In many cases, low attendance is due to illness but this is not always the case.

Lost Property

School has a good number of unnamed uniform items, gloves, hats, drinks bottles and plastic snack pots in our lost property box. Please feel free to come and have a look through for any lost items. At the end of term, any remaining uniform will be given to the PTA for their pre-loved shop and the other items donated to charity so we can start afresh in the new half term.

PTA Reminders

Tickets are still available for the **Class 3 and 4 PTA Slumber Night!** Hope the children can join us for a cosy evening at school, watching a film while enjoying a slice of pizza, popcorn, sweets and drinks. Optional: Bring your favourite onesie, oodie or dressing gown!

Class 3 and 4: 2nd of February 3:15 to 5:30pm.
(No KS2 Drama Den – A credit will be given. ASC as normal)

Please note that After School Club is only available until 4.30pm on a Friday

Book online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/>

Leeds Rhinos Tickets

Reduced cost Leeds Rhinos tickets are still available. Tickets can be booked through the school using the usual Schoolmoney payment system and are priced as follows.



	AMT East Standing/Terrace (undercover)
Adults (including Senior Citizens)	£10
Juniors (aged 16 and under)	£5

To purchase tickets, families need to log onto Schoolmoney and go to the shop, where you can choose the number of tickets you would like to buy. There are two options – one for child tickets and one for adult tickets set at £5.00 and £10.00. There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be bought. Please note that tickets will go off sale at 10am on Monday 5th February 2024.

Tickets will be distributed to the school and will be available for collection from school by Thursday 8th February 2024.



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

January 2024

This month our wellbeing statement is all about new beginnings to go with a new year.

Collective Worship Music - Help Me Find It - Sidewalk Prophets

This week's song is called 'Help Me Find It' by Sidewalk Prophets. They are the same band that wrote one of our favourite songs, 'Smile'.

Christians believe that God has a plan for their lives. 'Help Me Find It' is a great celebratory anthem about what it means to have hope in God, and that if you know God, you'll never be alone. The lyrics are prayer-like. They make us think about the options we have in our lives. Sometimes, when we get to a cross-roads, we're not sure which direction to follow. It can be quite scary to make decisions and to have the courage to do new things, instead of sticking to what we know. It shows strength in our own character when we can find the courage to overcome any fear that we might feel and follow that new path, however scary it might seem at the time. You never know where new experiences will take you, if only you have the courage to take the challenging road in front of you. It could be that the first step down a new road will change your life in a positive way forever.

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsjZ94K7UQs>

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
WB 29 th January	Wellbeing – Resilience week.
Friday 2 nd February	PTA Movie Night (Older Children). No Drama Den
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 good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

