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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this school year. It has been an amazing year with an epic number of things going on. When you look back through the newsletters, Class Weekly Updates, Twitter feed and the Gallery on the website, you can see how much the children have done, learnt and experienced.

I would massively like to thank all the staff in school for the huge amount of work they have put in, the time way beyond normal working hours and the excitement they have generated for learning. I would also like to thank families for your support for the children in all the many ways which enables them to be in school, learn effectively and help school do what we need to do. The final thank you is to the wonderful children, their endless enthusiasm, positivity, the good manners they show and the amount of effort they have put into making their year a success. Without all this our school would not be the wonderful place it is.

This week in our final 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 All of Class 1
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Kitty A Brilliant Behaviour: Yahya M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Harman G Brilliant Behaviour: Elana H
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Millie M Brilliant Behaviour: William K

Goodbyes

Tomorrow we say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 children. This group is a mix of children and families who have been at Harewood for a very long time, and those who have joined us more recently. We will be sad to see them go tomorrow, but we know that they are as well prepared as they can be for the next step of their journey. We are sure that they will really make the most of the opportunities their High Schools will offer them and they will continue to grow into fabulous young people. We wish them all our love and prayers for the future.

This time of the year is when we unfortunately often say goodbye to others from our school as well as the Year 6. Tomorrow we are also saying goodbye to a number of children from different classes, many of whom are leaving to private education. We wish them well and know that our loss is their new school's gain. Like our Year 6, we know they will thrive and be brilliant.



We also of course are saying goodbye to Mrs Burnley tomorrow after many years at Harewood. There are so many children and young adults in the area who will have been taught by her over the years and families she has helped. This afternoon in Celebration Assembly, we said our goodbyes with gifts and cards from the staff, families and children. Thank you Mrs Burnley for all you have done and good luck for the future.

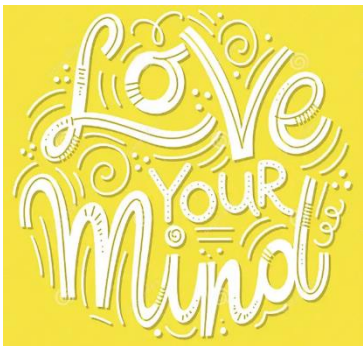
The final week of the year

It has been another busy week in school. On Tuesday Year 6 spent the day doing cycling skills and road safety, Year 5 went to Boston Spa Academy for a sports event and yesterday Class 2 had their Pirate Day. It has been great to see so many brilliant activities going on in school, right to the end of term. If you would like to see photos of many of the exciting things we have been doing during the year have a look at the [Gallery page](#) on the school website or our [X \(Twitter\) account](#).

New Staff

Yesterday we appointed a new member of teaching staff to join Harewood in September. Mrs Miller will be teaching Class 3 with Mr Sturgess and will also be spending some time in Class 2. She is an experienced teacher who has worked across the primary age range and recently in schools in Boston Spa and Thorpe Arch. Over the summer break she will be working with Mr Sturgess to get to know school routines, the curriculum and hear about her new class. We want to welcome her to Harewood and I am sure you will all meet her in September.

We are still trying to recruit support staff to join us in September. A new advert will go live towards the end of next week on the Leeds City Council Vacancies site, with details on the school website too. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please pass these details on.



'Wellbeing Statement of the Month' July 2024

Collective Worship Music - Celebration – Playing for Change (Song Around the World)

This week's song is called 'Celebration' by a group of musicians from Playing for Change. This song encourages us all to come together and celebrate, to join together in song to make this world a better place for us and the generations to follow.

As we come to the end of the academic year, have a think about the many wonderful things you have done or achieved this year. What have you got to celebrate? There might be little things or bigger things – we all deserve to celebrate that we have got to the end of term, having achieved so many wonderful things along the way.

I hope you enjoy this video, I think it is fabulous to see so many children from so many different countries joining in and singing together.

Here is the YouTube link for the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lu41LulQos&list=RDvv6kp6rZWDE&index=28>



Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Friday 19 th July	Leavers performance for Year 6 families (1.30pm)
Friday 19 th July	Final day for pupils
Friday 19 th July	No After School Club
Monday 2 nd September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens for the Autumn Term

Have a lovely holiday when it arrives.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

