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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Families,

This week and last week in our usual celebration assembly, we said 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 Zachary C, Axton M, Skye R, Ernie O,
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Sam J and Luca D Brilliant Behaviour: Harry G and Isla M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Mohammed-Yusuf L and Taylor C Brilliant Behaviour: Ida C and Sophie M
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Sienna F and Shatakshi J Brilliant Behaviour: Luca D and Summer H

Harvest Festival

Next week we are celebrating Harvest in school. During the week classes will be learning about the season of harvest and the work of food producers. The children will also be thinking about how we use our food, food waste and food poverty in this country and around the world as part of our work on the environment and sustainability.

The week will culminate on Friday with our Harvest Festival. This will start at **2.30pm on Friday 4th October** (In place of our usual Celebration Assembly). Families are welcome to join us. Each class will be showing the school some of the things they have been learning during the week and we will be giving thanks for the food we have.

Each year at harvest we make a collection for one of the local Foodbanks. This year we are supporting the Wetherby and District Foodbank. When you are shopping over the weekend, please consider making additional purchases which can be brought into school any day next week.

The families of Harewood are always very generous with our harvest collection and I hope that this year can be the same. **Attached with this letter is a flier from the Foodbank** with the sorts of things they most want. In general, any foods with long shelf lives or toiletries are most welcome. If you would like to see more about their work, their website is <https://wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>



Could you support Wetherby and District Foodbank and donate an item or two this Harvest?

TOP 10 ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

- Tinned Soup
- Tinned veg
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Custard
- Sponge Puddings
- Hot Chocolate
- Instant Mash / Rice / Pasta
- Toothpaste / Toiletries



PTA AGM

Thank you to all the families who were able to join the PTA AGM this morning. A lot was discussed in terms of activities and support for the work of the school. We really appreciate the time and effort put in by the volunteers to run activities which enliven the things we can offer for the children. Many of these also raise money to support the work of the school. This enables us to purchase or subsidise activities which we could not do without the support of the PTA.

Plans and dates for this year will be published soon via school communications or via the class reps and WhatsApp.

I know many families were unable to attend this morning due to work commitments. This does not mean that you cannot get involved or offer help at an event. All help is welcome. If you want to get in touch with members of the PTA you can speak to them in person, send a message via the class WhatsApp group or via their email pta@harewood.leeds.sch.uk. Thank you.

Individual Photographs

Next Wednesday is individual photographs day in school. You may want to make sure the children are smart and looking their best. If you wish, there will also be an opportunity from 8.30ish for you to have sibling groups with siblings not at Harewood (Siblings in school will be photographed as we work through the classes later in the morning).

Please look out for other communications from school or Arts Photography about how to make purchases.

Wellbeing Quote for the Month



This month as we start our new school year, the wellbeing quote links in with the themes for our Collective Worship this term. We are thinking about 'Generosity', what it means to be generous and what effects being generous might have on those about us.

Collective Worship Music - Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart – Henry Smith

This week's song is called 'Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart' by Henry Smith. He wrote it in 1978 but it wasn't until much later that a worship leader recorded it and it became popular around the world. Today, this simple song of thanksgiving and trust is sung in almost every church in the world.

This song reminds us to always be thankful for the good things in our lives. It teaches us to say thank you to God for the blessings we have, like our family, friends, and health. When we give thanks, it's not just about saying words, but about showing appreciation with our actions. One way we can do this is by giving to others, even if it's a little hard. This week we are thinking about giving sacrificially and that means sharing what we have, even when it's not easy, like when we share a favourite toy or help someone who really needs it. Just like in the song, when we give with a grateful heart, we show love and kindness, making the world a better place.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9uZl4w4xgM>



Dates for this Half Term

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd October	Individual Pupil Photographs
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Festival (2.30pm start)
Friday 11 th October	Class 4 Trip to Leeds City Museum
Wednesday 16 th October	Class 1 Harewood Estate Environmental Trip
Monday 21 st October	Class 4 Harewood Estate Environmental Trip
Tuesday 22 nd October	Class 3 Harewood Estate Environmental Trip
Wednesday 23 rd October	Class 2 Harewood Estate Environmental Trip
Thursday 24 th October	PTA Pumpkin Party Final day for pupils
Friday 25 th October	Training Day
Monday 4 th November	Children return today after the half term break

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

