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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Families,

This week in our 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>
<u>Excellent Early Learners</u> Shaan S and Lanai L
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Ben L Brilliant Behaviour: Barnaby W
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Olivia F Brilliant Behaviour: Aminah R
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Emily J Brilliant Behaviour: Mila M

Updating Contact Details

This is just a quick reminder to families to contact the school office if you ever change your contact details. This includes telephone numbers, email and home address. Please also remember to update school if wider family members who you are using as alternate contacts have any changes. This will ensure that all pupils have at least 2 people to contact in case of emergency.

The best way of notifying school of changes is via email to office@harewood.leeds.sch.uk.

World Mental Health Day

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day. In school our MindMate Ambassadors, with Mrs Watts, organised some lunchtime activities for our younger children in our Crafty Cottage. It was great to see our older and younger children working together in this way. Classes also spent some time on mindfulness tasks and reflected on positive wellbeing.

To follow on from this, we have organised workshops later in the term, led by the NHS MindMate Support Teams, looking at ways to help when we are feeling anxious or worried. We will let you know more about these nearer the time.



A Few Requests for Help

We are hoping that families might be able to help us with a few random requests. Now that the weather is turning and the Sunset Club are inside more rather than being out on the field, Mrs Reynolds is after a few more games for the children. We were about to purchase some, but wondered if families might have some in good condition, which they were willing to donate. After speaking to the children,



they are after things like, Connect 4, Guess Who, Jenga, Ker-plunk, etc. Things that all ages can play and are simple to set up.

The next is for balance bikes. Reception are in need of a couple of replacement balance bikes for their outdoor area. Again, we were hoping that families may have ones that the children have grown out of, or don't use anymore, that could be donated.

If you can help with any of these we would be most grateful.

Nut Free School

Another quick reminder to families – Please remember that Harewood is a 'Nut Free School'. We ensure that all food provided by school is nut free and ask that families make sure that packed lunches, snacks and other food brought into school is also nut free. Be careful of things like Nutella which on the face of it is chocolate spread but contains a high proportion of hazelnuts. Toppings are another easy one to miss.

We have a number of children in school with mild, and in some cases severe allergies, to nuts. Simple contact from surface contamination can potentially cause serious issues. As a result the best approach is to keep things nut free.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival last Friday. I am sure you agree that the children all did well with their singing and class presentations. This all added to making the event special. In addition to this, your generosity in bringing food for the Wetherby Food Bank collection was amazing. This was collected on Wednesday. The person collecting the donations was very impressed by the quantity from such a small school. I am told we will be given an update on the total amount once it has been processed and sorted.

If you would like to see more about the work of the food bank, their website is <https://wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

PTA Events

Please take a look at the latest [newsletter](#) from the PTA for their upcoming events and activities that they are organising for the children and families.

The popular Pumpkin Party will be on Thursday 24th of October at 3:15pm to 5pm (sorry but no siblings or parents present at this event unless you are helping with the event). Children can come to school wearing fancy dress for the day if they want, and can bring a decorated pumpkin to enter the competition. Entertainment, games and refreshments included in the tickets, now available at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/harewoodpta/>. (I have attached a letter with more information with this newsletter).

The other activity is Christmas card and gift orders. Designs will be sent home to families next week for you to look at (again details will be sent out with these).

Wellbeing Quote for the Month

The weather outside has turned distinctly autumnal but there is a lot to look forward to at this time of the year.

Change can sometimes be worrying but can also be refreshing and exciting.



Autumn is the season that teaches us change can be beautiful.

Collective Worship Music - Smile – The Sidewalk Prophets

This week's song is 'Smile' by The Sidewalk Prophets. It is a joyful reminder that no matter what we go through, there's always a reason to smile. The song talks about how God's love gives us strength and joy, even on hard days, and that we can share that joy with others through something as simple as a smile. In the Bible, we are taught to give cheerfully, whether it's helping someone in need, being kind, or offering a friendly smile. This song encourages us to be cheerful givers, not only of things but also of our love and happiness. Smiling is a small way we can give to others and when we smile and share God's love with others, we bring a bit of His light into their lives. Just like how giving with a happy heart makes everyone feel good, sharing a smile can brighten someone's day and remind them that they're loved by God.

This week we are thinking about 'giving cheerfully'. I would like you to think about everyone around you and when you see someone, give them a smile – what could be more cheerful than that? You will be amazed how much you will have brightened their day and that in turn will brighten yours!

Mother Teresa said, "The person who gives with a smile is the best giver because God loves a cheerful giver."

YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjurY5mR2hs>

Dates for this Half Term

Date	Event
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 (Fancy Dress Day) Final day for pupils
Friday 25 th October	Training Day
Half Term Break	
Monday 4 th November	Children return today after the half term break
Wednesday 6 th and Thursday 7 th November	Parents Evenings
Friday 8 th November	D:Side Workshops (Internet Safety)
Thursday 14 th November	Class 2 trip to Lotherton Hall
Tuesday 19 th November	Class 3 Trip – Murton Park
Friday 29 th November	Whole school Nativity Trip
Wednesday 4 th December	MindMate Workshops
Tuesday 10 th December	Class 2 Productions (2pm and 6pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Nativity Performances (AM and PM)
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school before the Christmas break

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

