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# Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Families,

We have not had a certificate assembly this afternoon due to our school trip to see the St George's Church Nativity but last 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.

<b><u>Class 1</u></b>
<b><u>Excellent Early Learners</u></b> Ernie O and Lanai L
<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Angelo S Brilliant Behaviour: Asher I
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Emaan B Brilliant Behaviour: Lara H
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Alice B Brilliant Behaviour: Alfred W

This morning the whole school had the opportunity to go on a trip to St George's Church down in Leeds to see their Nativity performance. This was called, 'You're Welcome' and put on by their youth work team. We joined a number of other schools for the midday performance and had a great time watching the play and joining in with the singing. This was a fabulous way to start the Christmas season in school.



Today we also drew the prizes for the PTA Golden Ticket event.

Thank you to all the families who took part and I hope the lucky winners enjoy their prizes.

Next week, please look out for communications about our school Nativity. This will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December with performances at 9.30am and 2pm. Ticket requests and further details will be sent out to families at the start of next week.

## School Council Frosty Fest News

Thank you to those people who have already sent in so many fantastic items for the Frosty Fest. We will still be accepting donations of new items and chocolate for prizes, and preloved toys and books etc. on Monday and Tuesday next week too.

You will only be able to use cash on the day. Games, crafts, raffles and lucky bags will be 50p-a-go, secret Santa will be £1 and preloved items will be priced between 50p up to £2 depending on the item. Unfortunately, we will not be able to change notes or accept



cards. Mrs Flowerdew has set up the purchase of Frosty Tokens for £5 on ParentPay. This will get you a card displaying 10 tokens that can be ticked off rather than needing lots of coins. If you'd like to purchase the tokens please do so by 3/12/24 at the latest to allow time for these to be distributed.

Finally, please take the time to come and look around next Friday and support our school council's first big Christmas fund raising event. The proceeds of the event will go towards items that have been set as a priority by the pupils. If you'd like to support us at the Frosty Fest please collect your child as normal from their usual exit and then enter via the main front entrance so we can ensure that the children are all safely handed over to their adult.

Hope to see you all there,  
Mrs Dodd and School Council

### Wellbeing Quote for the Month

This month in Collective worship we are thinking about being compassionate. Caring for each other and kind acts make a big difference to those around us.



### Collective Worship Music - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

This week's song is 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen' by Pentatonix. They are a band from Texas in America. Pentatonix is an 'A cappella' group – this means that they sing without any instrumental accompaniment in the style of church music. So, everything you hear in this song is sung by the five people you can see on the video.

'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen' is one of the oldest traditional Christmas carols and dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, so it's around 500 years old! It is a popular Christmas carol and it is referred to in Charles Dickens' story 'A Christmas Carol' and more recently, as the soundtrack of the film, 'The Grinch'. The lyrics of 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen' tell the nativity story. This carol has been recorded by many artists but I think this is a special and unusual version – it is a classic carol but with a contemporary twist!

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku7ohU1IGIs>

### Dates for this Half Term

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	MindMate Workshops
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Trip to Harewood House
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council 'Frosty Fest' <b>(No After School Club or Family Celebration Assembly because of the Frosty Fest.)</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 2 Productions (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 3 Trip to Harewood House
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 2 Trip to Harewood House
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 4 Trip to Harewood House



Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Nativity Performances (9.30am and 2pm)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Party Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school before the Christmas break

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

