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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Families,

This afternoon in certificate 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> Charlie H and Sebastian L
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Eliza K Brilliant Behaviour: Haadi M
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Florence H Brilliant Behaviour: Leo H
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Zachary K Brilliant Behaviour: Year 6

Class 2 Aladdin Performance

This week saw Class 2 performing their version of Aladdin for their families. They were amazing with their acting singing and performing and really impressed their families. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff in school who helped make the production happen, especially Mrs Reynolds who has been working on this for many months. I would also like to thank the families who supported by providing props and costumes to make the stage look so good. If you would like a look at some photos, please have a look at the gallery page on the school website. www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery/



School Nativity

Next Wednesday is our whole school nativity performance. Class 1 will be on stage acting out the story with Year 6 narrating. The rest of school will be performing carols and individual class songs and before the performances, each of our pianists will be performing some Christmas tunes that they have been busy learning.

By now you should have had your tickets for the time you requested. If you are coming to the 9.30am performance you are welcome to stay at school and have a drink prior to the performance. If you are attending the 2pm performance, we will open the main gates once the hall is setup (probably around 1.30pm) and again you may join us before the performance to listen to the pianists play.



School Council Frosty Fest

Thank you to everyone who joined our first School Council Frosty Fest last Friday. It was great to see so many of our children and families together for an event like this. What was also great was the fact that the event raised almost £500, which will now be used by the school council to fund the projects they would like to run in school. We will update you with these in the New Year.



Christmas Party Day

Next Thursday is Christmas party day in school. Each class will be having an end of term celebration during the day, Monti and the kitchen team are cooking Christmas dinner and we will be having a special visitor in school during the afternoon.

Thursday is also the day to wear your best Christmas outfits. It would be great to see lots of Christmas jumpers, hats, headbands, etc. to help us get truly into the Christmas spirit.



Team Point Winners

This half term the **Yellow** team have won the Team Point Award with the most team points collected during the half term. This means that they are awarded a non-uniform day as a reward. This will take place on the final day of term, Friday 20th December. Well Done **Yellow** Team.

Parking

I know this is a regular issue but can I please ask again that families park in a responsible way at the start and end of the school days. I have had a message from one of the families living down Malt Kiln Lane to say that the end of the road has been blocked by cars a couple of times recently and this has caused problems for the residents and deliveries. They have requested that the road end is kept clear and that visibility is maintained at the junction by not parking in a way that blocks the view of the road. The family who mentioned this also reported that they are aware of the parking difficulties that all schools have, and that they do find families friendly and accommodating to the needs of the local residents.

Wellbeing Quote for the Month

As it is December, we have gone with a Christmas theme for our quote. Everyone at school wishes our families a great festive period and a good holiday when it comes.



Collective Worship Music - Light of Christmas – TobyMac and Owl City

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at Harewood without one of our favourites, "Light of Christmas" by TobyMac and Owl City. TobyMac is a Christian hip hop recording artist and songwriter from America. You will be able to hear the hip hop influence in the rap section of the song. Owl City is an electronic



music project founded in America and run by Adam Young who likes to incorporate his Christian faith into his music. He feels that it is a way of bringing Christianity to a new younger audience who may not have heard this style of Christian music before.

TobyMac and Owl City created this song, 'Light of Christmas' for the VeggieTales Christmas film, 'Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas'. The VeggieTales series follows fruit and vegetable characters who retell Bible stories and present life lessons with a Biblical view.

Our song this week celebrates ways we can reflect on the light and love of Jesus throughout advent, leading up to Christmas, and the joy that comes from giving to others. A line in the song says, "All the good that we do for the people that don't have it so good," – it is important for us to remember that Christmas will be a different experience for some people and maybe we can help in a small way to make their Christmas special. This might involve donating food or small presents to charities. This song helps us remember that the true light of Christmas comes from thinking about others. So, through advent and in the lead up to Christmas, try to think about others and how you might be able to make their Christmas that bit more special.

YouTube link -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23rntfd6qC8>

Dates for this Half Term

Date	Event
Monday 16 th December	Class 2 Trip to Harewood House
Tuesday 17 th December	Class 4 Trip to Harewood House
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Nativity Performances (9.30am and 2pm)
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner and Party Day (Party Clothes)
Friday 20 th December	Yellow Team Non Uniform Day
Friday 20 th December	Final Celebration Assembly at 2pm (Children can leave early afterwards with families if you wish.)
Friday 20 th December	No After School Club
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school before the Christmas break

Have a good weekend.
Mr Ratcliffe

