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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Happy Christmas Everyone

Dear Families,

This afternoon in our final certificate assembly for 2024 we said well done to the following children, for making the extra effort to impress with their work, or their behaviour and attitude. Well done to all of you.

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| <u>Class 1</u> |
| <u>Excellent Early Learners</u> Zachary C and Axton M |
| <u>Class 2</u> |
| Wonderful Work: Harry M Brilliant Behaviour: Mohammed-Yahya L |
| <u>Class 3</u> |
| Wonderful Work: Imani B Brilliant Behaviour: Paloma Y |
| <u>Class 4</u> |
| Wonderful Work: Edwin K Brilliant Behaviour: Henley H |



As we break up for the Christmas holiday I would like to say a very big well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm this term. It has been a long one with lots going on and they have worked brilliantly. These last couple of weeks have been amazing in school with trips out, class performances, the village carol service, our nativity and parties. Hopefully lots to remember and lots to make this time of year special.

I would also like to say a massive thanks to all the staff in school who have gone over and above their usual duties to make the term amazing for the children. They all definitely deserve the rest. Thank you also to families for the support you have shown your children and school. It really makes a difference to the learning and to the sense of community around school. Thank you also for the very kind and generous gifts and messages from families this week. The generosity of families is very much appreciated.



Christmas Activities

Last Saturday a group of singers from Class 3 and 4 attended the Harewood Village Carol Service in the village hall. They read some of the lessons and sang for the rest of the congregation. Their rendition of 'Joy to the World' in Italian was very impressive and received a huge round of applause. The children were great ambassadors for the school and did themselves proud.



Wednesday saw our annual Nativity performances in school. Class 1 did a great job at being the characters from the story and looked great. The Year 6 readers did a fabulous job of narrating the story and the singing was amazing as ever. I hope families enjoyed joining us and if you would like to see photographs, these are now available on the gallery page of the school website along with others from this term.

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Yesterday was party day and Christmas Lunch. It was all a bit mad but I suppose that is what makes party day fun for the children. Monti and the team in the kitchen did an amazing job producing a schools worth of Christmas lunches and we had a visit from Santa to really make the day special. The array of Christmas outfits on show and fun party games all added to the festivities.

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.



Dates for next Half Term

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 6 th January | School opens for the Spring Term |
| Monday 13 th January | Write Like a Poet Workshops – KS2 |
| Tuesday 14 th January | Y5 trip to Boston Spa Academy |
| WB 3 rd February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Friday 7 th February | MindMate Workshops (Managing Emotions) |
| WB 10 th February | Book Fair Week |
| Thursday 13 th February | Class 4 – Young Voices Concert |
| Friday 14 th February | School closes today for the half term break |

Additional dates will be added in the New Year.

I wish all our families a restful Christmas holiday and a happy new year.

Mr Ratcliffe