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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Families,

This afternoon in our 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. Well done to all of you.

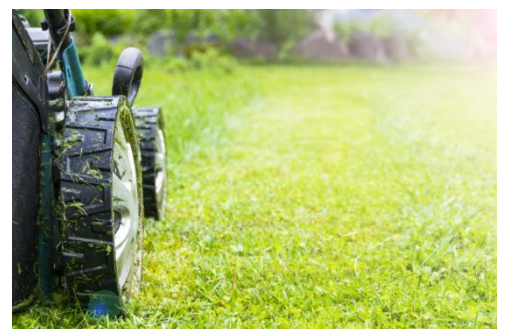
<u>Class 1</u>
<u>Excellent Early Learners</u> Simione and Shaan
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work and Brilliant Behaviour: Lions Group
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Alex M Brilliant Behaviour: Seren S
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Thomas M Brilliant Behaviour: Maryam I

New Phone System

If you have called school in the past couple of days you may have noticed that we have a new phone system in place. Rather than speaking to the office, you can now report a pupil absence by ringing and pressing option 1. If you would like to speak to the office press option 3. Please note, for the next few days, if school calls you, you may see an unfamiliar number – 01138875714 – until the whole system is transferred fully. This is just temporary and if you call school back, please use our usual number 0113 2886394.

Grounds Maintenance

Last week we heard the sad news that Sephton, who has cut the school grass, maintained the hedges and done general grounds work for us, is retiring after helping us keep our site looking good for many, many years. Sephton has done a great job looking after us and will be missed, but as he is now well over 80 years old, he has decided to take things easier. On behalf of everyone, I would like to publicly thank him for his work with us and wish him a restful retirement.



This leaves us with a bit of a problem in terms of replacing him from this summer onwards. If any families know of someone who you think might be interested in some grounds maintenance work, please speak to Mrs Flowerdew in the office. This would really help us



and knowing that the person comes with a recommendation would be of some reassurance after so many years with the same person.

Book Fair

During week beginning 10th February we will be holding a book fair in school. For those families who have been with us a while you will be familiar with this. The book fair is a pop-up book shop which will be in our school hall. The books range in age group from pre-school to upper-primary and every book sold earns commission for the school. This commission can then be spent by school to purchase additional books for classrooms and learning resources for lessons.

Please look out for additional information in the coming weeks along with details of competitions for the children. Prizes for the competitions include book vouchers to be spent at the fair.

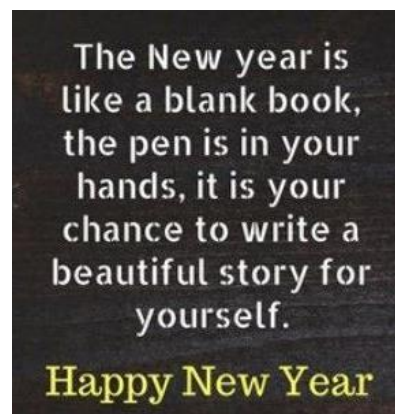
PTA Film Nights

I would like to thank all the PTA and parent helpers who have enabled the PTA Film Nights to happen over the last 2 weeks. It looked like the children had a great time watching the movies and grazing through many pizza slices and sacks of popcorn.

Please keep an eye out for future PTA event including bun sales and the Easter Bingo at the end of next half term.

Wellbeing Quote for the Month

A new year and a thought about starting a new chapter in your life.



Collective Worship Music for the week - Do Something – Matthew West

This week's song is called 'Do Something' by Matthew West. This song was inspired by real life events when Matthew West met a girl who had helped orphans in Uganda. When no-one else would help them, she fought for them and when Matthew West asked her what it was that made her fight for these children, she said, "I just kept thinking, 'if I don't do something, who will?'"

The lyrics to this song, 'Do Something' motivate us to make a difference in the world with good works. They challenge us to make a difference and to be a part of change for the better. You don't have to do everything, it is sometimes enough to plant a seed and watch it grow. It is important to remember that little things can make a big difference to other people. An act of kindness and love, whether it is big or small, can make a huge difference in your family, school, community and the world, even passing on a smile or opening a door can make a difference to someone's day.

Here are some questions I would like you to think about this week;

- *What would happen if we all thought of others and their needs, rather than wanting what is best for ourselves?*
- *What would happen if we all decided to do something especially kind for three people every day this week?*
- *What would happen if our aim each day was to make it a better day for the people we meet?*



This week I would like you to wake up every morning and think about how you can make the day better for the people around you. It might not always be easy but I would like you to think that it is the right thing to help make other people happy.

Let's try to change the world around us little by little.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8

Dates for next Half Term

Date	Event
WB 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7 th February	MindMate Workshops (Managing Emotions)
WB 10 th February	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Class 2 – Zoo Lab Visit
Thursday 13 th February	Class 4 – Young Voices Concert
Friday 14 th February	School closes today for the half term break
Half Term Holiday	
Monday 24 th February	School opens today

Additional dates will be added once confirmed

Haver a good weekend.
Mr Ratcliffe

Additional Attached Information

With the newsletter this week I have attached two handouts from Leeds which we have been asked to pass out to families.

Leeds Local Offer Live – This is a Special Educational Needs event for families to attend towards the end of March.

Loan Sharks – Leeds are wanting to advertise the work they are doing to combat illegal money lending and support victims. I have attached a poster which gives information about helplines and support on offer.

