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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Families,

In our recent certificate assemblies, 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> Axton and Ernie Zachary and Charlie
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: L'Nayah and Lyra and Brilliant Behaviour: Penny, Holly and Arthur W
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Florence, Francesca and Laara Brilliant Behaviour: Harman
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Aston and Luca Brilliant Behaviour: Ngozi

The final week of last half term was a busy one in classes. Class 2 had a visit from Zoo Lab as part of their learning in Science and Class 4 visited Sheffield Arena to be part of the Young Voices Choir. Both classes had a fabulous time and there are photographs on the gallery page of the school website if you would like a look (www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/gallery)

This week we had a visit from D:Side Dave who led workshops on Medicine and Drug Awareness with all the classes as part of their PSHE learning. These sessions are always very enjoyable but also informative and useful for the classes. Please look out for other activities coming up for classes this half term in the class updates. These include trips onto the Harewood Estate and other visitors into school.

Book Fair

The final week of last half term also saw our book fair in school. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this. I hope you found a good range of interesting books to choose from. We still have to total up the total amount of money taken in the fair but it looks like it will have generated over £400 pounds in commission which school can now use for purchasing additional books and learning resources for classes. Thank you.



World Book Day

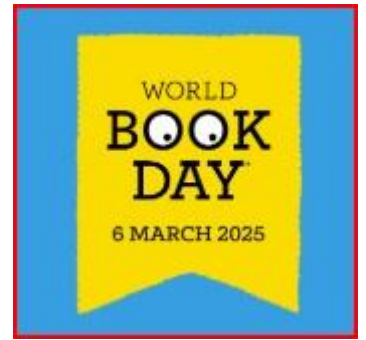
Next Thursday (6th March) is World Book Day. The children can come to school either wearing a costume representing a book character or their pyjamas/onesie.

Pupils are also invited to bring in a front cover design for a competition. This can be a copy of their own favourite book or an imaginary book cover of their own creation.

Throughout the day the children will enjoy book and reading themed activities including a visit from a mystery reader!

I'm sure it will be a really fun day that the whole school will enjoy...

Please don't go to unnecessary expense; costumes can be home-made, shop bought, understated or as elaborate as you like. Children who usually have PE can still come wearing their costumes for the day but please be aware that all children will need suitable footwear and outerwear for the weather as outdoor playtimes & PE lessons will proceed as normal.



Thank you for your support.

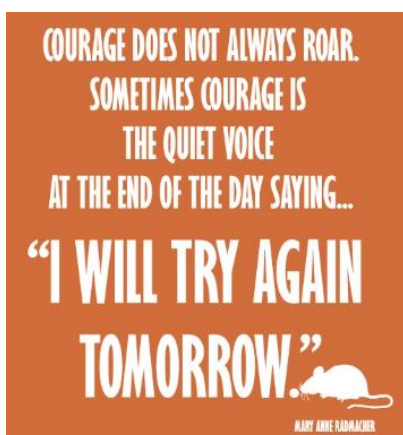
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Outstanding Payments to School

We are now very close to the end of the financial year and school needs to make sure that we clear any payments and outstanding balances to enable the budget setting for next year to run more smoothly. Whilst most families are good at paying in advance, there are payments due for school lunches, Before/After School Club and music lessons. These outstanding balances need clearing before the end of the month.

Please can I remind families that all of the activities and services mentioned should be paid in advance, not afterwards. Music lessons for instance, must be paid for before the half term starts not at the end.

The school budget is extremely tight and we cannot afford to maintain the current levels of outstanding payments. We try to be flexible to help families (Not all schools do) and it would be a shame if we had to start saying that children cannot access lunches, music lessons and clubs if the outstanding balances remain. Mrs Flowerdew regularly sends out messages to update families on outstanding balances. If paying is a problem, please contact us to have a discussion rather than letting the balance build.



Wellbeing Quote for the Month

This half term the theme for our Collective Worships in school has been 'Courage'. We have thought about what it takes to be courageous, how we can support others and keeping trying when things get tough.

This month's quote sums this up nicely.

Collective Worship Music for the week - Giant of Faith – Cheeky Pandas

The lyrics for this song start by reminding us we are all unique and special but one thing we all have in common is that Jesus is there for all of us, if we want him to be. This week as we think about



'wiping the slate clean and beginning again', we can think about these giants of faith from the Bible. We can think about the remarkable story of Noah from the beginning of the Bible, which shows that God promises to wipe things clean. Can you imagine spending years of your life building an enormous boat, all because you felt God had told you to? At the end of the story, God makes a promise that He will never wipe out all living things but instead will offer us a fresh start and forgiveness.

Christians believe that God will always forgive for making the wrong choice if we are sorry, so we should try and forgive others when they make the wrong choice too. This might be saying something we shouldn't that upsets someone, our friends or someone at home, it might be that you have done something you were asked not to do. If we leave these wrong choices in the past, we can start each new day with a fresh start. So, try your best this week to come to school every day with a 'clean slate', ready for a fresh start.

YouTube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsFDv6l0tbY>

Dates for the Spring Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th March	Class 4 Basketball Tournament
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
WB 17 th March	Down Syndrome Awareness Week
Thursday 20 th March	PTA Bun Sale (Class 2)
Tuesday 25 th March	Diversity Workshops
2 nd and 3 rd April	Parent's Evenings
Friday 4 th April	PTA Easter Bingo
Friday 4 th April	School finishes for Easter

Additional dates will be added once confirmed

Have a good weekend.
Mr Ratcliffe

