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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

14th March 2025

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> Shaan and Reejh Sebastian and Lanai
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Luna and Emmie Brilliant Behaviour: Luca and Eliza
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Thea and Aminah Brilliant Behaviour: Olivia and Hatima
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Sachin and Summer Brilliant Behaviour: Joseph and Shatakshi

Down Syndrome Awareness Week

Next week is Down Syndrome awareness week and school will be taking part in activities to support this and raise awareness of the syndrome. With two members of our community having Down Syndrome this is a good opportunity to help us all learn about Downs and the needs and skills of those people with Downs. We will be starting the week with an introductory assembly which will be partly presented by Eli and a group of other year 6 pupils who have been researching the condition.

During the week classes will take part in activities to raise awareness and we will be challenging ourselves to learn 2 new sign language words per day to help us all with our communication skills. Friday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day and we will be celebrating this in school with an 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate differences. This means that next Friday the children will come to school in normal uniform but can wear odd socks if they wish. These can be as wild and colourful as you like.



The Great Big School Clean 21 March - 6 April 2025

Harewood Primary is joining the national campaign "The Great Big School Clean". Our children have pledged to collect at least 40 bags of litter by litter-picking in school and with their families in their spare time. If your child would like to take action, please take a picture of the bags they collect and post it on Tapestry! Thank you for your support!



Mrs Wright and the Eco-Committee.

Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday 4th March a team from Class 4 took part in a basketball tournament at Boston Spa against 7 other teams from local primary schools. Our team played amazingly well. They came top of their league in the first stage, won their semifinal knockout and reached the final where we unfortunately lost by just one basket. The team were great. They tried so hard, supported each other brilliantly and were very sporting in their attitude to the other teams. A real credit to themselves and the school.



Parents Evenings

Please look out for communications at the start of next week regarding Parents Evenings and booking times. These will be Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April.

Staffing News

It is with sadness that I want to pass on to families the news that Mrs Minshull is retiring from school at the end of this term. She has been at Harewood for 16 years and has influenced the learning of so many children in this time. She will be missed but we wish her well for the future.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important if your child is to make good progress educationally but also socially and emotionally. There will be times when your child is genuinely ill and should not attend school or medical appointments have to be made during school times, this cannot always be avoided.

If you are taking your child out of school for other reasons, the chances are these will be recorded as unauthorised, but please be honest with the reason (The children or their friends always say where they have been if they missed school).

PTA Easter Bingo

At the end of the final week of this half term (Friday 4th April) it will be the PTA Easter Bingo event. This is a fabulous opportunity for our families to get together for a social event and support the work of the PTA. Details have been sent out via the PTA Spring Newsletter but can also be found on the PTA website. Please look out for further updates and details of ticket sales nearer the time but add the date to your diary.



Easter Bingo 2025





Wellbeing Quote for the Month

In Collective Worship this half term the theme is Forgiveness. The quote for March reflects this.

Collective Worship Music for the week - God So Loved – We The Kingdom

This week’s song is called ‘God So Loved’ by We The Kingdom. As we build up to Easter, this song has a simple, yet powerful, nod to perhaps the most well-known verse in all of the Bible, which relates to the Easter story. It comes from the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

Here is ‘We The Kingdom’s’ prayer for all of us;

"Our prayer today is that we would all recognise and stand in absolute awe of the image of God inside each person that we meet. God is amazing. His love is amazing. His people are amazing. Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow... We pray that you are encouraged as you listen to our song and that you know that you are so deeply loved by God."

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq5URsXbKXs>

Dates for the Spring Term

Date	Event
WB 17 th March	Down Syndrome Awareness Week
Friday 21 st March	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 20 th March	PTA Bun Sale (Class 2)
Tuesday 25 th March	Diversity Workshops
Tuesday 1 st April	Class 4 Residential Parent’s Meeting
2 nd and 3 rd April	Parent’s Evenings
Friday 4 th April	PTA Easter Bingo
Friday 4 th April	School finishes for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens for the summer term.

Additional dates will be added once confirmed

Have a good weekend.
Mr Ratcliffe

