

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. It has been lovely to see both the sunshine and the lovely class 2 children after the Easter break. Here is a summary of the past two weeks and some information about forthcoming events.

Phonics

We have been learning about the 'ie' spelling of 'ee' and also how to use apostrophes to make contractions of two words.

English

We have enjoyed reading the first three chapters of our class text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.' We have described the main character from the book, Plop the baby barn owl, using adjectives. We have also practiced using past progressive tense and editing sentences. Next week we will write our own versions of the story, which we have planned today. We also had a special visit from Plop's friend Ollie, who the children have been encouraging with some lovely motivational notes.

Maths

We have been learning how to draw and interpret tally charts, pictograms and block graphs. This week we started to learn about money. We have been recognising coins and counting coins in pounds and pence to make totals.

Other

We are enjoying gymnastics and athletics for our PE sessions. We are learning about the history of Harewood as part of our topic work. In science, the children are learning about famous scientists with Mrs Watts. In RE we are learning about Judaism. PSHE is about keeping safe this half term and our art will include VE Day bunting and flags and it will also have a nature focus.

V.E Day

The children will be performing a short presentation in assembly on Thursday afternoon about VE day. They may come dressed in either red, white and blue (no football kits) or something WW2/1940s themed on 8/5/25. Also, on Tuesday and Wednesday next week school council will be selling some VE 80 celebration stickers for 10p and notebooks for 20p so please send in some loose change if you would like to purchase these (exact money only please.)

School Trips

On **Wednesday 21st May we will be going to Harewood House** for the day to enhance our local history topic. **The cost will be £4 per pupil** as we are having a full day of taught sessions by Harewood House staff. We will be staying for the whole day so children will need a packed lunch and they may come in non-uniform. We will leave school at 9:45 and we will be back by 3pm. I would be grateful for parent volunteers to help for the day so please let me know if you would be available either via my email g.dodd@harewood.sch.uk or in person. Mrs Flowerdew will be putting this trip and our trip to Tropical World on 25/06/25 on Parent Pay soon.

Sunny Weather

Please check the weather forecast and apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before school and provide a clearly labelled sun hat and water bottle for the warm weather.

Snacks

If you are providing your child with a snack from home please can you make sure that it is either something healthy like fruit or a cereal bar not cake, crisps, chocolate or sweets. These types of snacks

cause a lot of envy amongst the other children and Mr Ratcliffe does state that children should bring a healthy snack. It's much more fair for the children if everyone follows these guidelines.

Homework and Reading

New homework has been added to the blue files. There are no spelling tests next week. Please also try to read at home at least three times a week. Currently Mrs Reynolds is supporting Year 5 and 6 as they prepare for their SATs so we might not be able to listen to every child at school. I will still check reading records and change books if it states that the book has been completed.

I hope you have a lovely May Bank Holiday weekend.

Many thanks as always for all of your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dodd