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# Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,,

Welcome to our first school newsletter of the new school year. Over the last 2 weeks we have welcomed our new Class 1 families and the children have begun to settle into school, get to know people and find their way round. It is good to have you with us. It was also good to see so many families drop into classrooms on Wednesday at our informal open class event. I hope the children were able to give you a tour, you were able to meet the teachers and ask questions that you had on your mind.

In our certificate assemblies since returning, we said well done to the following children and classes, for making the extra effort to impress with their work, or their behaviour and attitude. Well done to all of you.

<b><u>Class 2</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Axton, Emmie, Harry G and Freddie Brilliant Behaviour: All Class 2, Freddie and Harry G
<b><u>Class 3</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Yahya and Holly Brilliant Behaviour: All Class 3 and Luna
<b><u>Class 4</u></b>
Wonderful Work: Pippa and Joseph Brilliant Behaviour: Maryam and Ida

## Pupil Groups

This week we held elections in school for some of our pupil groups. Pupils who wanted to be part of our Eco-Committee and School Council to represent their classes, put together short manifestoes and presented their ideas to their classes. Their classmates then voted to elect their new class reps.

In Celebration Assembly this afternoon, we awarded the groups their badges and they will be having their first meetings next week to discuss plans for the year.

A very big well done and thank you to all the children who took the time and made the effort to put themselves forward. This was great to see.

## Flu Vaccinations

Earlier in the week Mrs Flowerdew sent out a letter regarding the flu vaccine which, with your consent, will be given to your child in school on Monday 22nd September.

To give your consent, you must read the letter attached with Mrs Flowerdew's message and complete the online consent form. **The form must be completed by 3pm on Sunday 14th September.**

If you have any issues completing the form, please call the Immunisation Team directly on 0113 8433101.

## PTA News

The PTA are holding 2 events in the next few weeks. The first is an informal 'Welcome Drinks' event on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm. This will be a social event and a chance to meet with the team and each other for a chat. We hope that as many families as possible are able to stay and say hello, especially from our new Class 1. The second is the PTA Annual General Meeting which will be at 3.15pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Both of these event will be in the school hall and we are looking at ways of entertaining the children for you during this time to allow parents to attend the events.



Additional information on both of these and the work of the PTA was sent out earlier in the week. The Harewood PTA do an amazing job. Their hard work in terms of fund raising really helps us and enables us to purchase resources we would not be able to afford, as well as allowing school to subsidize a good number of activities during the year. In addition to this the PTA social events are a wonderful way of bringing the school community together.

The PTA would be grateful for any support that can be offered to help with events or activities. Everything they do is for the benefit of our children and without this many things in school could not happen. So thank you to the team and all those who support them.



### Wellbeing Quote for the Month

As we start the new school year this month we reflect on new beginnings and the power of fresh starts and new adventures to come.

### Collective Worship Music for the week - Thank You Lord – Chris Tomlin

This week’s song is called ‘Thank You Lord’ by Chris Tomlin who is an American contemporary Christian music singer, songwriter and worship leader.

It is a happy and joyful song that reminds us to say thank you to God for all the good things in our lives. The song repeats the words ‘thank you’ to help us remember that being thankful can be simple and something we can do every day. It encourages us to stop and notice all the good things that God gives us, like food, family, friends, nature, and music, and to thank Him for His kindness.

When we sing this song, we can also think about the people God has placed in our lives to care for us and help us. God often works through others to show His love. That could be parents or grandparents who look after us, teachers who guide us, doctors and nurses who help us when we are poorly, or even friends who cheer us up when we feel sad. ‘Thank You Lord’ reminds us that it’s not only good to thank God for His blessings but also to thank the people around us who make a difference in our lives. So, this week, remember to say ‘thank you’ to the people around you.

Here is the YouTube link for the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOgAmQvOUM0>

### Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Welcome Drinks event – 3.15pm – School Hall
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Flu Vaccinations in school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Class 1 Phonics Meeting (6pm)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 4 Murton Park Trip (No Family Celebration Assembly)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 1 Phonics Meeting (3.15pm)
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival Week
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual Photographs Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Family Harvest Celebration (2.30pm)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTA AGM – 3.15pm – School Hall
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 2 Trip to Abbey House
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning for Reception 2026 Parents
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent’s Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent’s Evening



Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for the half term break
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens for learning

*Additional dates and events will be added as they are confirmed.*

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

