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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, welcome back after the summer break. It was good to see so many smiles and the enthusiasm from the children returning to school. It has been a wonderful first couple of days back and a great start to the year.

In our first celebration today, 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 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Class 2 Brilliant Behaviour: Year 1 and Year 2
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Class 3 Brilliant Behaviour: Savani
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Year 6 Brilliant Behaviour: Jaden M

As we start the new year there are a couple of things coming up that families will need to be aware of and a couple of new people to welcome. We have a new class teacher in Class 3 with Mrs Miller. Mrs Soroka will be teaching Class 3 at the start of the week with Mrs Miller taking over for the end of the week. Mrs Atkinson is our new School Business Manager and likely to be the person you speak to on the phone or via email as our first point of contact. If you need to contact her for whatever reason, please use the email office@harewood.leeds.sch.uk or ring the usual school number.

- **After School Clubs** - We will be sending out communications about after school clubs next week, with most of the activities starting the week after.
- **On Wednesday 9th September** from 3.15 – 3.40pm, classrooms will be open for families to come in, meet the class teachers, have an informal chat, see where the children sit, etc. Classes will also be sending out packs of information about the learning for the year to help with any home learning.

Children with allergies – A Reminder

We have a number of children in school with allergies. In order to reduce the chances of someone experiencing a reaction, we ask you to consider the food you send into school with your child for a snack or packed lunch. Foods to avoid include: **nuts** (we are a nut free school anyway) and **products containing nuts eg. cereal bars and Nutella; and kiwi and raspberries.**

To reduce the risk of contamination in school we always ask children to wash their hands before and after eating and sharing of food is not allowed. Please also make sure your child has their own named water bottle. Thank you for your understanding.



Coats

As the weather is now distinctly autumnal, please can you make sure your child brings a coat every day. As you know, we like to get outside as much as possible - even when it is raining - and that is not easy if the children do not have coats.

Leaving School at 3.15pm

Please let school know if your child is leaving school at the end of the day with someone different to the usual arrangement. Examples of this might be a grandparent, aunty/uncle, etc. they may be going on a playdate with a friend or you have a young sibling asleep in the car and another parent is walking your child to the car. If these are going to be regular arrangements it is probably worth speaking to your class teacher or Mrs Atkinson to avoid you needing to ring each time.

For children who are old enough to walk home on their own or leave school on their own to meet you at the car, please email Mrs Atkinson, who will collate a list of additional permissions. This is all to keep the children safe and so we know who we can release without an adult. Keeping us updated really helps, and avoids confusion.

Communications and Contact Details

Next Friday classes will be sending out their Class Updates with a school newsletter the following week. As in previous years we will be alternating these communications to keep you informed. If you have changed email addresses, telephone number or moved house, please update school with any changes to ensure we can get communications to you and we can get hold of you if there is an emergency. This also applies for emergency contact information for your child.

PTA News

Dear Parents,

I'd like to invite you all to our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 18th September.

The AGM is a chance to look back at everything our brilliant PTA has achieved over the past year, talk about our plans and priorities for the year ahead, and hear your ideas and suggestions.

Whether you've been involved with the PTA before or are completely new, everyone is very welcome. We'd love to see as many parents as possible and hopefully encourage more people to get involved — even a little bit of help can make a big difference to our children and the school community.

📅 Friday 18th September

🕒 3.15pm

📍 In School (*School will provide free child care at Sunset Club for those attending (No need to book in)*)

We really hope you can make it. It would be lovely to see you there and start another great year for the PTA together!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Fara Garrick
PTA Chair



Our Weekly 'Big Question'

This week our Big Question is very much thinking about fresh starts and the new school year.

What would you like to be better at this year?



Wellbeing Quote for the Month

As we start the new school year with so much positivity, we can think about how we make this month a great one.

Collective Worship Song – 'Reach' by S Club 7.

The lyrics in this song discuss how, if you follow your dreams, and "reach for the stars", you are destined to fulfill your goals.

As you listen to the song, think about these lyrics;

*"The sky's the limit you can reach your goal
No-one knows just what the future holds
There ain't nothing you can't be
There's a whole world at your feet"*

As we begin our new academic year, it is a time for new challenges and new starts, whether that is a new class with a new teacher or you are now the grown-up ones in your class, leading the way. It is up to you to make great choices this year with your attitude to learning and your behaviour. Your future path is not set, it is up to you to pave the way. Remember, the sky is the limit!

So, have a think about your goals for this year, the things that you would like to achieve. It will be different for everyone but remember we can all help each other along the way.

Here is the website link for the song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqUoJ_uu284

Dates for the Term

Date	Event
Wednesday 9 th Sept	3.15pm to 3.40pm Open classrooms/Meet the teacher.
Friday 11 th Sept	3.15pm PTA Meet and Greet after school
Monday 14 th Sept	First swimming session for Class 3.
Friday 18 th Sept	3.15pm PTA AGM
Friday 9 th October	9am EPOSS Parent Drop In session (More details to follow)
Friday 23 rd October	Training Day School closed for the start of the half term break

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

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Ratcliffe

