



HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of the Spring Term and hasn't it gone quickly?! The children have packed a lot in and have loved the experiences and activities we have provided for them, this can be seen in their high levels of involvement and enjoyment during the sessions. I want to thank you again for your patience and understanding through the 'Snow Days', as a parent myself I appreciate the disruption that can be caused when your child's school has to close. Hopefully we've seen the last of it for this year! Next term we will be learning about Spring, growth and new life, let's hope we get some flower growing sunshine!

New Starters Meeting

Parents of children in Pre-School have been invited to their information meeting ahead of their children coming into the Nursery Class after Easter. Wednesday 21st March at 4:00. If your child is due to start after Easter and you haven't had your letter please see Mrs Kain in the office.

Sport Relief

Friday 23rd March is Sport Relief. This year for Sport Relief we will be inviting the children to wear their sporty clothes, tracksuit, and trainers and participate in a variety of sporty challenges at school. The 'fine' for not coming to school in uniform will be £1 which will go directly to the Sport Relief Campaign. For more information please visit: <https://www.sportrelief.com>

Easter Raffle

We are holding our Easter Raffle in school, prizes will be donated by the staff but if anyone would like to donate an Easter gift it would be most welcome. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 19th March at 20p each and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 26th March before we break up for Easter.

Easter Egg Competition

Children and their grown up helpers (YOU) are invited to decorate a hardboiled egg in any way that they wish and for a donation of just £1 can enter it into our competition. The winner will be announced on Wednesday 28th March and entries should be brought to school on Monday 26th March. All proceeds from these events will go towards our nursery garden fund. We are looking forward to sharing our latest developments with you soon.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 28th March and we might get a visit from the Easter Bunny!

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Snack Provision

I am sorry to have to inform you that we have taken the difficult decision to stop providing a healthy snack for your child each day. This will be effective from 17th April when we return to school after the Easter break. Despite the constant pleas and reminders we do not get enough money to cover the costs. The snack fund is currently in deficit of £232.90, this money has to be taken from other budgets which are there for the educational provision for the children. We have asked for a voluntary contribution of just £1 per week which we don't think is too much to ask but clearly it is a stretch for the majority of you as we receive donations from less than 10% of our families. To those of you who do regularly contribute thank you and I am truly sorry that it has come to this. I am exploring other options such as looking for corporate sponsorship from one or more companies that may enable us to continue with this in the future. If anyone knows of any companies that may be able to support us please do let us know.

Children will continue to receive their daily funded milk and can have water whenever they want.

Breakfast Club

Following our trial this term of offering a breakfast club you have shown us that it is not something that you need. We had only 2 families express an interest and 2 children took up places, therefore we will not be offering a breakfast club next term. We will continue to monitor parental interest and will visit the idea again if there is a need for it in the future.

ASDA Green Tokens

I am delighted to tell you that our school has been selected to appear in the Green Token campaign at the Glasshoughton store. We should be up anytime soon so please look out for us and save all your green tokens from Asda for this fabulous cause!!! Please ask friends and family who shop at Asda to consider us too ☺ If you are not given any tokens when you shop there make sure you ask for them as they will usually give you a few if you ask. All money raised will go towards the provision in our nursery garden which we are hoping will be enhanced next term and over the summer.

We finish for Easter on Wednesday 28th March. Staff will be visiting our new starters on Thursday 29th March so there will be no Nursery or Pre-School on this day. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 17th April. All new starters including children joining nursery from pre-school will start on Monday 16th April.

Here's a reminder of our key dates and events coming up.

Calendar

When	What	Notes
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Sport Relief – Wear Sporty Clothes	£1 for non-uniform, lots of sporty activities for the children.
Thursday 29 th March to Friday 13 th April 2018	EASTER HOLIDAY	
Monday 16 th April 2018	New children starting school only	
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	All children return to school	

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Wednesday 2 nd May 2018	Sponsored event to fundraise for trip	
Monday 7 th May 2018	May Day (no school)	
Friday 25 th May 2018	Stay & Play Day	9:00-10:00 / 12:30-1:30
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st May 2018	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 4 th June 2018	All children return to school	
Friday 15 th June 2018	School Trip to Cannon Hall Farm	Parents to accompany children
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Summer Fair	3:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday 18 th July 2018	Graduation for Nursery Leavers	11:30 / 2:30
Thursday 19 th July 2018	Summer Picnic and last day	
Friday 20 th July	Closed for Home Visits	
Monday 23 rd July to Friday 31 st August 2018	SUMMER HOLIDAY	
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET	
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	New children starting school only	
Wednesday 5 th September 2018	All children return to school	

There is a link to next year's term dates 2018 / 2019 on our school website:

www.harewood.wakefield.sch.uk

If you would like to discuss your any issues raised in this newsletter or anything relating to your child and their experiences at school please speak to your child's key worker.

Thank you for your continued support.

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