



HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again I must start our newsletter by saying . . . **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!**

We raised a staggering £360 at our Christmas Fayre. The best yet!

Thank you to the 'Friends of Harewood Nursery School', our staff and students for their time and effort in organising the event. Special thanks to Mrs Wilson for baking an incredible amount of amazing buns. Thank you for your contributions for the stalls including your baking, raffle and tombola prizes, books, toys and teddies.

The money raised goes directly to school funds to be spent on your children to include supplementing school trips, booking visitors to school, buying party food for special events and ensuring every child receives a Christmas present when our special visitor comes on party day!

Festive Events

Christmas Jumper Day

This Friday, 14th December is 'Christmas Jumper Day' nationally and we will be joining in at Harewood. The children can wear their own clothes on this day and if they have got one, a Christmas Jumper. School staff are also joining in and as its our 'Stay & Play' day we hope that you will join in and wear yours too! We will be collecting for the Save the Children charity as part of the event and Mrs Wilson is baking 2 Christmas Jumper cakes to be raffled on the day – yum!

Monday 17th December 11:30 – Nativity performance from our morning children

Monday 17th December 2:30 – Nativity performance from our afternoon children.

If your child attends all day then where possible please come to the afternoon performance.

Wednesday 19th December 10:30 – 1:30 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ALL CHILDREN

Party clothes and lots of energy required for a fun session. We will be providing lunch and an entertainer and there will be a very special visitor coming to school . . .

Please note there is no additional child care available on that day.

Wednesday 19th December 2018 – Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Christmas Holiday

Please note that all our new starters only attend on Tuesday 8th, everyone else returns on Wednesday 9th January.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Becky Cook. Deputy DSL: Miss Natalie Godfrey / Mrs Theresa Long.
Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Sarah Conway.

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or Social care Direct: **01924 303456**
Copies of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the website.

30 Hours Provision reminder

If your child is coming into the nursery class from pre-school in January you may qualify for 30 hours of provision. Now is the time to check and get the code to us before the end of term to secure a place in January.

If your child is currently in nursery and in receipt of the 30 hours provision it may be time for you to check or renew your code and let us know to secure your place for next term.

If you think you may be eligible and would like your child to partake in additional sessions in nursery from January it is time to apply for your 11 digit code. Once you have your code come in to school to book your sessions. This is on a first come first served basis and places are filling up: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Monitoring

Thank you for completing and returning the monitoring form that I sent to you last month. The results are overwhelmingly positive with 100% of parents and carers who responded citing that their child is happy, safe, well looked after and makes good progress at this school and that you would recommend this school to others. Thank you.

The team really do work hard for your children so it is great to get such positive feedback.

Governance

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board for a parent governor. Governors meet 3 times per year and set the strategic direction and vision for our school. They hold me to account for the work of the school and the progress made by the children. If you would like more information on how you could support school in this way please come and see me.

Have a lovely Christmas break with your children, they are looking forward to spending time with you and enjoying a rest.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Becky Cook

Headteacher