Heworth
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School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Introduction

As a school, we are always thinking of ways to support our school community. With the current cost of living crisis, we have been thinking about ways in which we can help financially. One particular way is through supporting you with the increasing cost of school uniform. Throughout this past week, we have set up a Preloved Uniform shop in our School Office which will hopefully give you another option as your children keep growing. I must say a massive thank you to Mrs Rounding for making this happen. Read more about this in this week's newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

Mr White

Values Cup

This week's recipient of the Values Cup is…

Jack Tait

For showing our school value of Trust in all he does.

Together Time Awards

Well done to the following pupils for having such a great week!

Class 1 - Lucy and Imogen

Class 2 - Oa and Alfie M

Class 3 - Ivy and Freddie

Class 4 - Oliver, Rook, Lucas

Class 5 - Layla and Cam

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 24th January
Class 4 Visit to the National STEM Centre, Heslington
Tuesday 31st January
Class 5 Visit to Yorkshire Museum and Roman Walking Tour
Friday 10th February
School breaks up

ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

95.32%

(n.b. the national expected average is 96%)

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New

Class One Chinese New Year

Throughout this week, Class One have been learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year. They have learnt lots of interesting facts including how and why it is celebrated, enjoyed a delicious Chinese banquet and finished off the week with a Chinese dragon dance!

Friends of Heworth Church of England Primary School

PLEASE VOLUNTEER, WE NEED YOU!

Just an hour makes a difference!

Friends is a voluntary group which includes all teaching and support staff as well as members of all pupils' families. It exists to support the school and its pupils, in particular by helping to pay for extra activities, equipment and events for the benefit of all.

Regular Events throughout the year include:

- School discos (always very popular!)
- Cinema nights (pass the popcorn!)
- Family barbeques (yum yum!)
- Bingo nights
- Advent and Summer Fairs

If you would like to join our lovely, friendly team, please call in at the School Office so that we can put you in contact with someone on the Friends committee or email Friends on friends@heworth.pmat.academy.

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Water Bottle Sale

As part of the school's commitment to helping parents and carers save money, we are offering excellent quality, 500ml water bottles for only **50p each**! We will also write your child's name on with a Sharpie for free!

Bottles are BPA free, re-usable, spill and leaf proof with a non-drip, self closing valve, are dishwasher safe and normally retail at around £3.00 a bottle!

Call into the School Office to grab a bargain!

Preloved Uniform

Do you have any school uniform your child has grown out of?

I am delighted to announce that from Monday 23rd January, we will be offering a range of preloved school uniform, available in the School Office between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Our aim is to help parents and carers with the cost of school uniform, raise money for the school and stop perfectly usable clothing going into landfill. For a donation, we hope to offer T-shirts, jumpers, skirts, trousers, tights, book bags and PE kits.

A recent survey has found that 1.4 million school uniforms are thrown away every year and as most items of uniform are made from polyester or acrylic, that equates to approximately 350 tonnes of plastic.

If you would like to donate any items in a washed, good condition, please bring them in to the School Office.

Thank you

We're here to help

If you think your child might be eligible for **free schools meals**, please click on the link below. The City of York Council treats all claims in confidence and Heworth Primary School provides the same meals, whether they're paid for or provided free. Booking meals is easy, using ParentPay, and your child doesn't have to eat a school meal every day, you can provide a pack up when you want to. Please click on the following link to see how to apply. **https://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolMeals**

If you are **struggling to pay for food**, free, independent advice and support about social welfare issues is available for all York residents, covering benefits, debts and employment. Please click on the link: **https://www.york.gov.uk/HelpWithFood**

Challenging circumstances can strike anyone at any time. **York Foodbank** aims to welcome everyone with compassion, kindness and a listening ear. Please click on the link to access the Foodbank website. **https://york.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/**

York Families Wellbeing Service provides community-based support to families in York. The service helps families struggling with any issues which may affect their housing or have a negative impact on their children's wellbeing. Please visit their website by clicking on the following link: **https://www.commlinks.co.uk/?service=york-families-wellbeing-service**

School lunch choices from Monday 20th February until Friday 26th May are now live to book on ParentPay.

Please note that bookings close on a Sunday, at midnight, for the following week.

Lunar New Year - The Year of the Rabbit

Lunar New Year 2023 falls on Sunday 22nd January. York will be celebrating by hanging lanterns on Parliament Street and installing a big friendly rabbit on the corner of Rougier Street and Tanner Row.

The sign of rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

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YorOK has information on what is happening in York throughout the school holidays, for children of all ages, young people and families. For more Information, please click on the following link: **https://synergy.york.gov.uk/Live/SynergyWeb/**

Reminders

School Governor Position

The closing date for the expressions of interest is Friday 20th of January via the school office email account (office@heworth.pmat.academy).

Polite Reminder to Parents and Carers

The classroom is a busy place first thing in the morning and therefore, if you have an issue you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please phone or call into the School Office or alternatively, email office@heworth.pmat.academy

Thank you for your continued support.

School Uniform

At Heworth Primary School, our children have a great reputation in the community for being smart and proud of their uniform. Please help us keep this up by ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct items of clothing. As a reminder, here is a list of our winter uniform:

- Red, plain sweat shirt or with school logo
- Red, plain jumper or cardigan or with school logo
- White shirt or plain red/ white polo shirt or with school logo
- Grey/black/navy plain trousers, skirts, pinafore
- Sensible black shoes, coming up no further than the ankle

I would like to remind you that tracksuits, jogging bottoms, jeans, trainers and football shirts are not part of the school uniform. If your child would like to walk to and from school in boots, please ensure they have their school shoes with them.

For health and safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn. Studs in ears are permissible but these must be removed for PE and swimming.

Please Name Your Child's Uniform

We always do our best to return all your child's belongings, but with 141 children in school, this can be difficult when items aren't labelled. Please help us to return your child's clothing by putting your child's full name in everything (including shoes). This can be done with a permanent marker, fabric/laudry pen or iron on/sew in label.

At the end of each term, any unclaimed uniform will be washed and

Is this Yours?

Please feel free to call in to the School Office to collect.