

Dear Parents and Carers

We have loved our **Reading Week** this week! We have had poetry from **Andy Craven-Griffiths** who wove many of our children's names into his new poem for us "I've got words..." in a very special assembly. He then worked with Y1, Y2 Y5 and Y6. **Taffy Thomas** the storyteller came to entertain and inspire Y3 and Y4. The **Rainbow Factory** came to work with Reception Class and all classes have been to visit **Headingley Library**. The library has also been to visit us this week – the children were excited to see the Leeds **mobile library** come to our car park. The **Book Exchange** worked well and so did the **free book giveaway**. Year 3 enjoyed their **Extreme Reading** during Forest School. During **House Team Hobby Half Day** there were activities inspired by illustrations in books, reading activities on the computer and interactive music concerts in the hall with the **Aire Ensemble**. We enjoyed the **poetry recitals** in assembly yesterday by children who had prepared readings of *The Owl and the Pussycat*. It was lovely to see older children reading with younger children throughout the week – some great **reading role models**! Even Year 6 will have this opportunity as 6th formers from **Lawnswood** are due to come and do paired reading with our oldest children later this morning. Thank you very much to Alun Davies for organising such an engaging week. We are now going to work on developing a **Reading Bingo** scheme to continue to enthuse the children about reading at home as much as when we **DEAR** at school (Drop Everything and Read). A group of children will be trialling the activities and materials ready for a roll out in the summer term.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Sophie tries hard with her reading. Sofia enjoys reading and is reading sentences fluently.
Y1 (Nile)	Emma has a positive attitude and is therefore reading more. Oliver has made a super improvement in his reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Olive is becoming more independent and confident in her comprehension tasks. Charlie NS reads consistently at home and this is reflected in his progress.
Y3 (Rhine)	Kienna is using the skills she has learned from one page or book to help her with the next ones. Abdullah is learning new words every day and remembering them.
Y4 (Ganges)	Sara participates enthusiastically in guided reading discussions. Anil is working hard on reading with expression.
Y5 (Tigris)	Khi is displaying real enjoyment when reading and showing excellent knowledge and understanding.
Y6 (Amazon)	Lily-Rose reads a range of books, not limiting herself to one style. Alex is showing great enjoyment for reading.
Citizen of the Week was Rosie from Y6 (nominated by Elsie and Peggy) for always being kind and helpful, playing with the younger ones, helping at School Council meetings and being a very good citizen who follows the school values and rules as well. Well done!	

There is no training day when we return after half term, so we will start our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Week on the Monday.

Have a good half term break.

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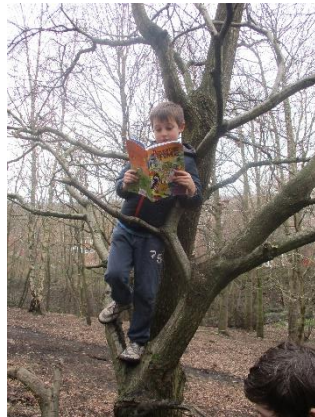
We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Jane Hinchliffe.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com.

Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)



Reading Week 2019



DIARY DATES

w/c Monday 25 th February	STEM Week including Robotics, Escape Rooms and much more!
Tuesday 26 th February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 5 th March *	Y5 trip to the Discovery Centre
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale after school (hall)
Wed 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 th March	Geography Focus Day
w/c 11 th March	Global Green Week
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 th March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th March	Energy Heroes Workshop in Year 5
Thursday 21 st March	Science in School delivered by Leeds University
Thursday 21 st March	Games Night after school TBC
Friday 22 nd March	Philosophy sessions with the university
Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 28 th March	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 th March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Friday 29 th March *	Young Pianists Assembly
Friday 29 th March	Philosophy sessions with the university
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.

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