



Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely busy week in school! We have enjoyed two **history immersion days** this week. On Wednesday Year 4 welcomed a visitor from Roman times. They enjoyed handling the artefacts, re-enacting battles and learning about everyday life. Yesterday Year 6 dived into Viking life and also looked at source material, played games and enjoyed making links with the learning they had been doing in class. In both cases many of the children dressed up as part of the day and we were impressed with the inventiveness of the costumes and the thought that had gone into them and the accessories that were being sported.



On Tuesday it was individual and sibling **photo day** in school and the children looked very smart. You will have already received instructions and proofs to make sure there is time to order before Christmas present giving. Please contact the office if you are missing any of this information.

We have started today with a lovely assembly by **Year 3**. We particularly enjoyed hearing about their work in Forest School, their trip to Harlow Carr and the way they can explain their learning.



Children in KS2 have enjoyed a special online 'visit' this morning with **authors** Katie and Kevin Tsang (of the Dragon Legend series) and the **illustrator** Viviane Schwarz. These sessions, organised by the British Library, are always popular and inspiring. We are looking forward to the in-person visit from author Steve Webb next week which we won in a draw by Leeds School Library Service.





HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

FOSOPS SILENT AUCTION STARTS FRIDAY 7TH AT 7PM!

PLACE YOUR BIDS IN OUR SILENT AUCTION HERE

AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR QUIZ NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 21ST

(WE'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES ON LAUNCH NIGHT!)

FOSOPS are working hard on their quiz night (November 21st) and are now ready to launch their **silent auction** ↑ that starts tonight at 7pm. There are some great items to bid for so do please take a look! There are still some tickets available for the quiz night too, so please put that in your diary and buy tickets if you would like to join in.

Have you seen the great adverts made by Year 3 to advertise the **Winter Festival of Fire**? Look out for them around school or see Elizabeth's overleaf.

School Council took over Monday morning's assembly and led it very well. They wanted to explain about the charity they have chosen to support this year in Advent. They explained that we are running a '**reverse advent calendar**' where, instead of *getting* a treat, you *give* something on a day in Advent. The charity they are supporting is Baby Basics Leeds who support new babies and their parents with welcome gifts to help them get set up. We hope that many families will be able to support this appeal as the charity collects both used and new items. Therefore, if you have something left from when your children were babies or can pop something in the trolley when doing your shop, it would be gratefully received. The list of items is → or [here](#). (Used items need to be smoke-free, clean and in very good condition.)

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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“Baby—
basics”

**REVERSE ADVENT
CALENDAR**

Suggested Items your community can collect to be packed into a Moses basket for a new mum

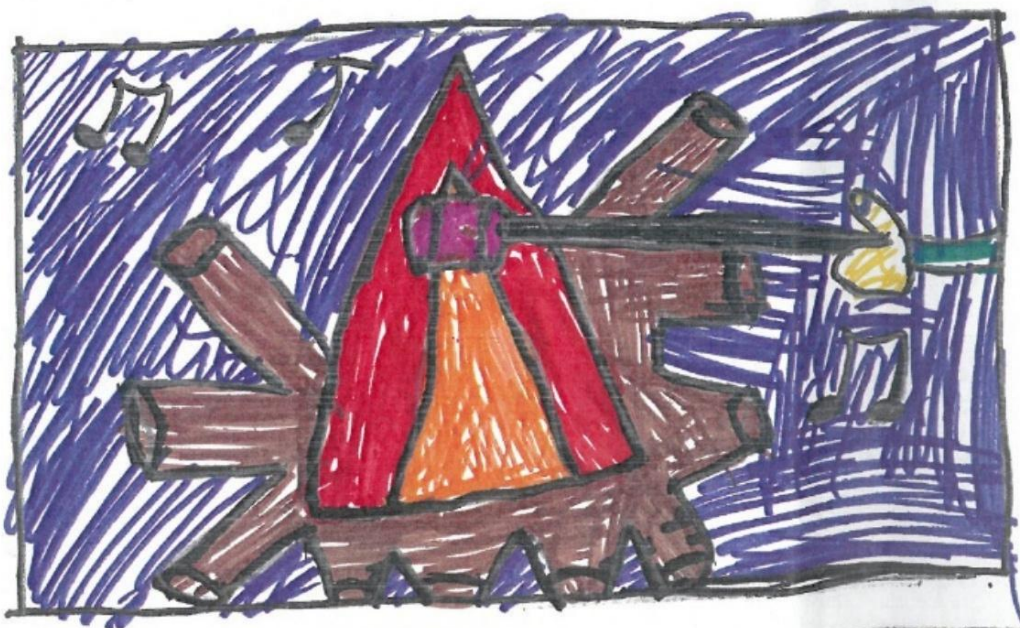
New items	Can be second hand or new
1. Baby Wipes	12. Muslin cloths
2. Nappies (size 0,1,2)	13. Sleeping Bags (Newborn)
3. Baby wash/ shampoo	14. 0-3 month clothing
4. Wash/ Shampoo (mum)	15. Blankets
5. Toothbrush (mum)	16. Coats (newborn)
6. Toothpaste (mum)	17. Moses Basket
7. Deodorant (mum)	18. Sheets for moses basket
8. Barrier cream	19. Hats
9. Breast pads	20. Toy for newborn
10. Maternity pads	21. Book for newborn
11. Gift for mum	

PS Don't be alarmed if suddenly your child starts talking about bullying next week. We often find that, as we start **Anti Bullying Fortnight**, children are thinking about and processing ideas to do with kind behaviour and may express that quite strongly. Please remind them to talk to an adult or use the Worry Box and do let us know directly if you think they haven't told us something significant. The focus of the fortnight will be on learning what bullying is, what bullying *isn't* and what to do about it – tell!

Winter Festival Of Fire

Shire Oak 3.30pm -
5.30pm

Wednesday 19th
November 2025
All welcome!



DIARY DATES

Monday 10 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight begins. KS2 drama workshops today
Tuesday 11 th November	An act of Remembrance held today
Friday 14 th November	Y2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November	Steve Webb author visit am
Tuesday 18 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (& anyone who wants to visit)
Wed 19 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Monday 24 th November	Dodgeball tournament, group of Y4 children after school
Tuesday 25 th November	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On & carols 5pm → (St Michael's Church/outside, TBC)
Tues 25 th -Thurs 27 th Novem	Y4 Virtual Sessions about Ancient Romans
Thursday 27 th November	Yoga sessions for R/Y1/Y2/Y3
Friday 28 th November	Yoga sessions for Y4/5/Y6
Mon 1 st - Wed 3 rd Decemb	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden. Travelling by train.
Monday 1 st December	Group of Y5 at dodgeball tournament after school (leaving just before end of day)
Thursday 4 th December	Y3 Sports Festival am
Friday 5 th December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 5 th December	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y3 this time please)
Mon 8 th / Tues 9 th December	d:Side sessions on Internet safety (hopefully with parent session too)
Wed 10 th December	Reception and Y1/2 Nativities dress rehearsal to rest of school, am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Class Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Thursday 11 th December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see a Christmas Carol, pm
Friday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Tuesday 16 th December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 th December	School Christmas dinner. (If usually packed lunches, can be ordered in advance)
Wed 17 th December	Christmas disco Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas party day, including concert TBC. Lunch will be party food & can be booked
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
22 nd December to 2 nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children. There may be a playscheme.	
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
Tuesday 27 th January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Monday 9 th February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Friday 13 th February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
Monday 2 nd February	Health checks YR and Y6
Wednesday 11 th March *	French Day in school
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 rd March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Friday 12 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Friday 26 th June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.