



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a good Christmas holiday. It has been lovely to hear the children's news this week and, although quite a few of them are tired, they are eager to make a good start to 2018. Early nights all round this weekend!

I hope that all parents in Years 1 to 6 have received the children's **termly report** this week; we hope that the information is useful in keeping track of how your child is getting on. There will be an opportunity to discuss the report at the parents' evenings in February as well as any progress they have made since the assessments were made before Christmas. Obviously, however, if there is anything that you are concerned about or don't understand about the report please make sure you talk to the teacher as soon as possible! Most usefully the reports contain information about the most relevant **next steps** for your child as well as up to date information on their **times tables** knowledge. Could it be a good new year's resolution to practise these a little more? Good ways of practising include: Times Table Rockstars, a CD of times table songs in the car, posters in bedrooms to chant through before bedtime story, reciting them when walking along and ball games with children having to respond with the next times table fact when they throw the ball back. (Parents of Reception Class are welcome to come and look in their Learning Journey books at any time throughout the year.)

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that **dinner money** for this half term is £67.20. Anyone wanting to swap onto school dinners during this cold spell should get in touch with the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Our school are currently working closely with another local school, **Kirkstall Valley Primary School**. Their headteacher is currently unwell and due to be leaving at Easter so in the interim we are providing some leadership support. This does mean, unfortunately, that there will be a couple of days a week where I am not in school and so might not be out on the playground as much as usual. Please be assured that school is in very safe hands and you can always speak to Marcelle Maver (deputy headteacher), Sara Mitchell or Ian Martin in my absence. Of course, you can still contact me by email or via the office as well. I think it is a great testament to the strong team of staff we have in school that the local authority feel that we have the capacity and stability needed to be asked to do this work.

Well done to Year 2 who were busy preparing for their **Mad Hatters Tea Party** when I wrote this. They are keen to celebrate the end of their topic with parents and carers and I look forward to hearing how it went.

After school club letters have gone home this week. Please make sure you have a look with your child(ren) and send the slip back if they are interested in joining any of the clubs. If cost is a barrier to something your child has a real aptitude or appetite for, please talk to us as you may be able to apply to the Opportunities Fund for help with costs.

I hope you have a good weekend.

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Come to our Open
Morning on Wednesday,
9:15-11:15.
All welcome!

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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Friday 5 th January	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Monday 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Fortnight (growth mindsets, etc.)
Wednesday 10 th January	Open Morning
Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 12 th January	Fractions Friday (fun maths day)
Friday 19 th January	Geography Fun Facts Day
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 29 th January	Bun Sale run by Year 4 (Y4 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Monday 29 th January	Y3 trip to Farnley Hall, near Otley (tree identification)
Thursday 1 st February	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Sunday 4 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael’s Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	Reading Week will include a dress up day.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February. School closed for half term holiday.	
Monday 19 th February	‘Get into STEM’ (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2
Wednesday 21 st February	Movie Night
Thursday 22 nd February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Thursday 1 st March	Bun Sale run by Year 3 (Y3 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 2 nd March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Thursday 15 th March	* Year 1 and 2 trip to Abbey House Museum for Houses & Homes topic
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 th March	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 th April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 th April	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Mon 14 th –Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 th May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
Monday 21 st May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday	
Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th June	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.

Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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Wheatfield's Hospice Shop

Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm

Sun - 11am - 4pm



Come along for a cuppa and a taster to become a valued volunteer! or have a browse in our newly fitted out shop! Help us to raise vital funds for Hospice Care.

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