



Dear Parents and Carers

It was so lovely to see you all this week at **Parents' Evening**. It really helps us to understand your child(ren) and it also helps *them* to know their adults are all working together. Do get in touch if there was anything that needs further discussion.

This week it has been particularly lovely to look at children's books and see the range of things they are enjoying **writing** about. It is especially pleasing to see children responding to the teachers' feedback and trying to improve their work.

During our **training day** tomorrow we will be revisiting our curriculum and long term plans, particularly for the non-core subjects. In the afternoon we will be working with a diocesan adviser to explore the distinctiveness of Church of England education.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class for setting a high standard in handwriting or having improved their handwriting the most.
YR (Thames)	<b>Reception</b> are all working hard with their mark-making, labelling and writing.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Roman</b> concentrates really hard in his handwriting which is helping him make good progress. <b>Rafael</b> has worked really hard to form his letters correctly – well done.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Emily</b> is applying her beautiful writing across all of her work, consistently. <b>Noah</b> is trying really hard with his writing and taking on board advice given.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Erin</b> is consistently using a neat, joined/cursive script with accurate letter formation. <b>Molly</b> has improved her handwriting and presentation with better letter formation and joined/cursive script.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Edie E</b> writes to engage the reader. <b>Abdullah</b> is improving the style and comfort of his writing.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Hannah</b> always presents neat work that is a pleasure to read. <b>Joshua</b> is making great efforts with his writing and wrote a wonderful piece in his extended writing book.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Felicity</b> is demonstrating beautiful Year 6 handwriting. <b>Georgia</b> has made huge improvements with her handwriting and earned a pen.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Eli</b> who was nominated by Rosa for always doing the right thing in and out of class. Well done!	

Have a lovely half term.

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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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)



Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent **parent governor elections**. It was fantastic to have so many great candidates put themselves forward for service to our school. The vote was incredibly close, and parents have taken the time to contact me to say that they wished we could just take up all the offers of talent and time! The following parents were newly elected:

- Charlie Stobbart
- Kate Wright

The following parent was re-elected:

- Anna Swinburn

I look forward to working with them all!

**DIARY DATES**

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
<p align="center">Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  <b>HALF TERM</b></p> <p align="center">School is closed to children but Kidzone will be running a <b>holiday club</b> and I have spoken to them about guaranteeing that it will run as publicised and ensuring a good programme of activities for the week.</p>	
4 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night themed school dinner
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccines
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Divali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Bun Sale with donations by Y5 but available for all to buy
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> November	The Cave drama work with Alive & Kicking, Year 4 8 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning 9:30 and Open Evening 6pm. All welcome!
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1/Y2 trip to Waitrose for Food Glorious Food topic
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 rugby match at Richmond House
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Internet Safety Week including visits from d:side
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Internet Safety drama workshops for Y4, Y5 and Y6.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire after school. All welcome!
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parliament & democracy assembly and workshop for KS2
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November *	Switch on of Headingly Christmas lights and carol singing. All welcome!
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> or Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November*	Y4 trip to 'Open Up Christmas' at South Parade
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Bun Sale with donations by Y4 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club visit to Wizard of Oz at Leeds Playhouse 1:30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the morning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Productions morning c.9:15am and afternoon 1:15pm.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking) and Christmas parties
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning, 9:30am. All welcome!
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Maths Focus Day and maths meeting for Reception parents (in the afternoon)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Bun Sale with donations by Y3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Geography Knowledge Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	* Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you're ready!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar> term dates

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

# Active Leeds Diving Camps

Think you could do some flips & tricks in the water?  
Enjoy jumping in the pool?

Come join in our diving camps this half term

## John Charles Centre for Sport\*

Monday 28th October

Tuesday 29th October

Wednesday 30th October

9.45-3.00pm

Price: £21.00 Standard, £19.00/BR, £13.00 LX

A beginners lesson following Diving Awards 1 & 2  
Dryland & pool based - ensure children have kit for both

Suitable for children aged 6-15yrs

(under 8s must have adult in the centre at all times)

Pre requisites: children must be able to swim 50m,

confident in deep water or achieved Stage 5

For further information visit [active.leeds.gov.uk/diving](https://active.leeds.gov.uk/diving)