



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our **Harvest Festival** collection. The food that was brought in will be collected by St Michael's Church who pass it on, with their own Harvest Festival donations, to PAFRAS and to the local Food Bank. Thank you to the many friends and family who were able to join us for our Harvest Festival assembly this morning to see what the children have been learning connected to the theme of harvest and small things making a difference. We were especially proud of Reception Class who shared their learning in a family assembly for the very first time. Thank you to Year 6 for taking a leading role, despite being out on a trip yesterday and unable to rehearse. We hope you had fun on your **Cricket in the Classroom** day at Leeds Carnegie. (Apologies for the technical blips – we think that the reason they only happen in sharing assemblies is something to do with over-heating. We are going to look for a solution!)



Thank you also to everyone able to join us in Reception, Year One and Year Two for **Stay and Play** yesterday. It was great to see a few different faces with it being on a different day. This week's focus was on maths and trying to show some of the games and activities your children might like to do with you at home or to show you some of the equipment they use in school.

Reception Class are going to have their **class photo** in the Yorkshire Evening Post on

Wednesday 21st October! School has bought one copy of the supplement for each family and will hopefully be sending them home that same day.

The deadline for applying for **high school places** is the 31st October. This can be done online or by asking for a paper copy at the office. The office can also, by arrangement, work with you to submit an online application for your Y6 child.

On Wednesday we had our termly **House Team Hobby Half Day**. The House Captains had met to help plan the afternoon and were leaders in the groups. A variety of activities were offered by staff, volunteers and specialists including craft spiders, weaving, Relax Kids and sports activities. The children always work well in these mixed age groups and learn new skills with different people. (Photos overleaf.)



Did you know?

I hope you have a great weekend.

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That in Key Stage Two we are beginning this year's work with philosophers from the University of Leeds? Y3 led the way today after Harvest taking part in a demonstration philosophy lesson.

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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

Tues 20 th & Wed 21 st October	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
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Friday 23 rd October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children. Child Protection refresher training.
26 th - 30 th October	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme.
Saturday 31 st October	Deadline for applying for high school places (current Y6). You can book an appointment with the office staff to help with this if, for example, you can't get online
Friday 6 th November	Divali Assembly, 9am, whole school. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 7 th November	* FOSOPS Woodland Walk and activities. Meanwood Park. This fun event is a good way for children and parents to get to know each other or enjoy the autumn colours. There is usually a free barbecue. Details and time TBC.

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Wednesday 11 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 11 th November	Meeting about maths for new Reception parents/carers. 6pm.
Thursday 12 th November	Geography Quiz Day
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need day. (School Council will decide what we are going to do.)
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th November	Anti Bullying Week 2015. <i>Make a Noise About Bullying</i> is the theme this year.
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Evening. 6pm. Prospective parents/carers of Reception intake 2016 welcome.
Thursday 19 th November	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 19 th November	'Bullied' theatre show and workshops, afternoon
Friday 20 th November	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 25 th November	Festival of Fire, straight after school
Friday 27 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 4 th December *	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 5
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativity productions.
9 th – 11 th December	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood, Todmorden.
Friday 11 th December	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Carol Service, 10:30am. St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Discos. KS1: 4:30 – 5:30 and KS2 5:45 – 6:45
21 st December – 1 st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 th January	TRAINING DAY – TBC
5 th – 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 th January	Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Thursday 14 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 15 th January	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 20 th January	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 nd January *	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Friday 29 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
1 st -5 th February	STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week. TBC
Thursday 4 th February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Tuesday 9 th February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Thursday 3 rd March *	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 11 th March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 th March *	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th March	TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 th – 15 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.

Friday 29 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 27 th May	* Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	* Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change

