

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a good week in school and we had a lovely **class assembly by Y2** on Thursday which covered nearly the whole curriculum with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done Year Two children and adults.



Do not panic if your child is suddenly talking lots more about **bullying** at home. We are in the middle of our Anti Bullying Fortnight (which ties in with next week's national Anti Bullying Week. This week the theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying.'). The work the children have been doing in

their drama workshop and in class lessons will be bringing this topic to the forefront of their minds. It is great if they feel able to speak up about things that are uncomfortable for them or that they have noticed for others. It also helps that we all learn the same language:

- **I know what bullying is** (again and again, on purpose, to make someone feel bad)
- **I know what bullying isn't** (accidents, one-offs, rough play... although these may still need addressing!)
- **I know what to do about bullying... TELL!**



Next week children will be invited to sign the Anti Bullying Charter if they agree with these three statements. To remember this message School Council have bought every child a metal kazoo onto which they have stuck an anti-bullying message. Please remind children to tell an adult or use the Worry Box if they are ever concerned that they or a schoolmate is being bullied. We will always want to act to help children keep safe and feel safe. Obviously, parents should get in touch with us if they have concerns they don't think have been passed on or picked up fully.



On Wednesday it is one of the highlights of the school calendar – the **Winter Festival of Fire**. This event started in 2010 to celebrate our commitment to outdoor learning and has become a fast favourite ever since. There are lots of free activities to do including toasting marshmallows, singing round the fire, making candlebags and Christmas crafts. If children are able to bring a little money then there will also be hot food and drinks, raffle tickets, FOSOPS activities, Wheatfields' Christmas cards and sparklers on sale. (FOSOPS would also like to run a Teddy Tombola, but they need more teddies to make that work! If we get enough in on Monday then Year 6 will set up the tombola and run the stall at the festival (if they are allowed to stay and help). FOSOPS would also very much welcome donations of cakes, buns and treats to sell on Wednesday. They are also starting to collect donations of prizes for the Christmas raffle. If you have a workplace or other connection that can offer vouchers, etc. that would be very helpful.

FOSOPS are also organising a **Christmas card competition**. Entry is free and the winning designs will be made into packs of Christmas cards to sell to raise money for school funds. (FOSOPS are currently raising money to develop our outside areas to support PE and physical activity.) The entry form is attached to this newsletter but printed copies will also be available in school. The closing date for entries is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November in order to get the entries judged and printed ready to be on sale in the first week of December. FOSOPS are organising volunteers to help at the Winter Festival of Fire and at our Open Morning on Tuesday. Please let them know if you would like to help. Our **Open Morning** on Tuesday is a for prospective parents to see our school at work on an ordinary day. All the children in Year 6 lead the tours around school and visitors can talk to our parents to get a true picture of life at Shire Oak. Current parents are also very welcome to visit between 9:15 and 11:15am on Tuesday.

<b>Class</b>	<p><b>Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them.</b></p> <p><b>Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.</b></p> <p><b>This week the focus was on writing and the children below have their work displayed in school.</b></p>
YR (Thames)	<b>Hope</b> wrote an amazing sentence. She even remembered finger spaces and full stops. <b>Sonny</b> has been working so hard on his letter formation and writing.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Indi</b> has made great progress in her writing and is writing sentences independently. <b>Poppy</b> adds good detail to her writing and will challenge herself as well as using ideas from class writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Runa</b> sets a high standard in her writing. <b>Gene</b> is working hard to improve his handwriting, punctuation and spelling. He uses a wide vocabulary when writing.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Winter</b> is presenting her work neatly, organising her paragraphs and using good topic vocabulary. <b>Jennifer</b> consistently writes with creative ideas and descriptions. She uses speech and other punctuation well and organises her paragraphs.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Skylar</b> is working so hard in English with her writing and is beginning to show big improvements. She perseveres and tries her best. <b>Charlie</b> consistently works hard in English lesson and thinks deeply about the best way to engage the reader.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Poppy</b> uses joined up writing that is consistently well formed. <b>Etta</b> has increased the size of her writing and is taking care with her presentation.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Benji</b> is beginning to use advanced sentence structures which complement his creative ideas. <b>Priya</b> is making huge improvements in her written work.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> last week was <b>Stella</b> who was nominated by Maisie because she is helpful, kind and always perseveres. Well done!	

Have a lovely weekend! I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Festival of Fire next week.

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## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Wed'day 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school in the grounds.
27 <sup>th</sup> November onwards	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November *	Deadline for Christmas card competition entries.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church, 5pm. All welcome. Refreshments available.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December *	Some of choir carol singing at Wheatfields pm.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom TBC
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Inter Schools football tournament hosted by Lawnswood School
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses to see YR and Y6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December *	Some of choir carol singing at Headingley Library.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Wed'sday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas discos R/1/2 3:45-4:45pm and KS2 5:00-6:00 pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church that many of our children enjoy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School is closed to children. <a href="#">Art Camp</a> are measuring demand for a holiday club. Fill in their survey <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play in YR/Y1/Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class trip to Pizza Express (TBC)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 chocolate trip to York TBC
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Lunar New Year Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC
18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am



Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to recycling plant TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a>	

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

Great shading work in Y5 art.





**Enter our Christmas card competition for a chance to see your artwork as one of our 2023 Christmas cards.**

***Closing date 9am Monday 27th November***

**Childs First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Childs Surname** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

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