



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you Year One for such a lovely class assembly this morning. It was great to see you proudly sharing the learning you have been doing in your topic 'Let's Celebrate'. Thank you also to the family and friends who came to support them and give them a real audience.

Well done to **Year 5** who represented our school last week at an important council event held at Headingley Stadium. They formed a **choir** to sing for the outgoing Director of Children's Services and were joined by Ronnie the Rhino. Not only did they perform 'Lean on Me' beautifully, they also learned the Child Friendly Leeds song 'Thumbs Up' in just one day! They then performed that, without words, together with the afterschool choir from Meanwood CE Primary School. Thank you to Mr Davies for rehearsing them and accompanying them on the guitar.



Year 3 are enjoying their weekly **Forest School sessions**. They are getting out and about and will be spending more time on The Ridge soon. This week they worked in teams to make skeletons linked to their science topic and have shared some of their photos with us.



Thank you to Mrs Vollans and everyone who helped her run **individual photo day** so smoothly. You should have received a slip after your child's photo was taken. You are under no obligation to buy photos but it may help to know that school receives a commission on the photos ordered which we use to support school funds.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Are not yet coming to this assembly.
Y1 (Nile)	Jamie is very keen to read and shows great concentration and interest whenever he reads. Edie E is always ready to learn. She listens, follows instructions and always tries her best.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Sara always works hard to do her best.
Y3 (Rhine)	Tula and Hunter worked very hard in maths and tried some challenges.
Y4 (Ganges)	Lily-Rose consistently acts as a good role model. Owen is thinking carefully when using speech punctuation.
Y5 (Tigris)	Roman for always focusing on achieving the lesson's learning objective. Ella you always take a cheerful and enthusiastic approach to your learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	Archie is always switched on and engaged with his learning. Lola always brings a positive and cheerful attitude to her learning.
Citizen of the Week was Sammy in Y4 who was nominated by at least two people for being loving and kind to Reception children. Well done!	

Thank you to all the parents who make sure we know if there are concerns about friendship or behaviour issues happening between children. We appreciate this **good communication** as it helps us identify problems quickly, keep an eye on situations and sort things out if need be. Please can I remind all parents that it is not appropriate to talk to other people's children directly about issues with your child. Although it can seem like a natural and straightforward reaction, it can be misplaced if you have had only one half of a story, it can be frightening for the other child – which is never appropriate, however cross you are – and it can make things worse for your own child who can end up very embarrassed indeed. If an issue is ongoing, please come back to us about it and if it doesn't get resolved speak to me about it. Thank you very much for your help with this.

Next week is **Harvest Festival**. In this special assembly the children share their learning about how food gets to our plate, the season of autumn and how people celebrate their thankfulness for food for the year. You are all invited to our assembly at 9am on Friday. We will make a display of food that we will share afterwards with PAFRAS and the local Food Bank. These two charities are supported by St Michael's Church, who help us make sure the food gets to people in our local area who really need it. If you can, please can you send some food to school on Thursday or Friday morning? Food in tins or packets that has a long life is the most useful donation. (If, however, anyone has the skills and time to bake a harvest sheaf loaf for the children in Year 1 and 2 to share as part of their topic, that would be very welcome too!)



Have a great weekend.

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Did you know that the **family gardening club** started this week? They meet some Wednesdays after school to help look after our grounds – all are welcome!

Next time: Wednesday 2nd November – pre-bonfire tidy up!

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

Wednesday 5 th October	School photo day (individual and siblings)
Friday 7 th October	Year 1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 7 th October	Visit from Panamanian teachers
Thursday 13 th October	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 14 th October	Harvest Festival, in the hall, 9am. All welcome. (We bring gifts of food to donate.)
Tues 18 th & Wed 19 th Oct	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Wednesday 19 th October	Flu immunisation Years 1, 2 and 3.
Thursday 20 th October	Year 4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 21 st October *	Bun sale at playtime
Mon 24 th to Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM. School closed to children – Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 31 st October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children. We will be working on maths with the other Headingley primary schools.
Saturday 5 th November	Bonfire at school. 3-5pm with hot food, glow sticks, etc. A lovely small scale
Mon 7 th to Fri 11 th November	Green Week – a themed week about the environment. All good ideas welcomed!
Wednesday 9 th November	House Team Hobby Half Day
Tuesday 15 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Monday 14 th November	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition at Prince Henry's school in Otley. 4.45-6pm. Monday 14 th Nov 4.45-6.00pm
Thursday 17 th November	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 18 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 rd November	Festival of Fire after school
Thursday 24 th November	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (TBC)
Friday 25 th November	d:side Internet Safety sessions for KS2
Mon 28 th Nov to Fri 2 nd Dec	Internet Safety week in school
Thursday 1 st December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 th December	Dress rehearsal for the Reception and KS1 Christmas nativity productions
Wednesday 7 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities.
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th December	Robinwood Residential for all Year 6 children
Tuesday 13 th December	School carol service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. 10:30am.
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Mon 19 th Dec to Mon 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 3 rd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Friday 13 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 th January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 27 th February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm

Wednesday 8 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 th March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Fri 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival and Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children performing at around 2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter change	TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to

Bonfire

This year FOSOPS are holding their first ever friendly bonfire night event. This family friendly occasion will include a big bonfire and hot food from 3-5pm. We have timed it so that there is time to go on to the larger public fireworks displays for

families who are planning to do that, but that it will be dark enough and exciting enough for families with younger children who will want to go home afterwards.

We are now collecting firewood (dry, no nails, paint or chemical treatments) which can be brought to the fire circle near pre-school (or speak to us about delivering larger quantities!)

Volunteers are needed to cook food, etc. This is a great opportunity for new families to get to know other Shire Oak families so please do come along!

Saturday 5th November 2016