

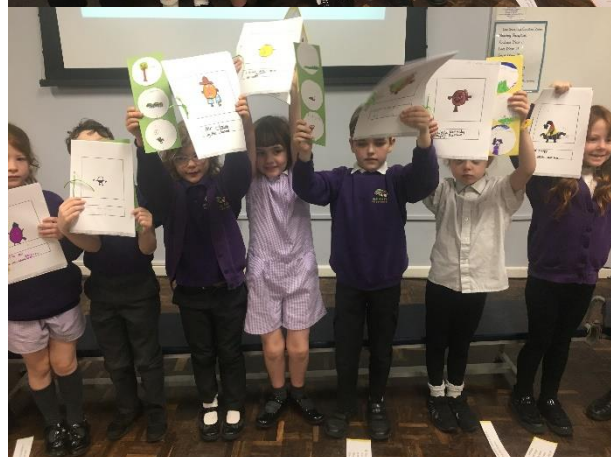


Dear Parents and Carers

Another short, but busy fortnight. It will be nice to get back to normal weekends for the rest of this half term. I know some of the children have found it hard switching between holiday and school mode so frequently! We very much enjoyed **Year 2's sharing assembly** last week. We really like their stories inspired by the Roger Hargreaves Mr Men books as well as their joy in explaining their maths, science and everything else they have been learning. Thank you to all the friends and family who were able to join us.

Thanks also to the families who were busy baking, supplying and buying buns! The **Year 1 bun sale** raised £70.35 and was greatly enjoyed.

It is good to know what our fundraising achieves and so I am pleased to share with you this photo of some **new play equipment** that can be used at lunchtimes on the soft bounce areas of the playground or on the field. It can be configured in different ways, as well as



separately and it has been fun seeing the children trying it out. We are always keen to get the children moving confidently in all directions so thank you to everyone who has contributed. **FOSOPS** have also bought **new wireless microphones** this week. Although we still think it is important for children to develop 'hall voices' as part of their speaking and listening learning, they may be helpful for some of our quieter children, as well as for performing in Shire Oak's Got Talent! **FOSOPS** are now busy planning the **GroundForce Day** next weekend and **Headingley Youth Music Festival** on the 15th June. GroundForce Day is a free event where the school community gets together to spruce up our grounds and garden areas (rewarding ourselves with a barbecue afterwards). We also host Headingley Youth Music Festival for the whole community but the stalls and bouncy castles, etc. are essentially our summer fair and one of our best opportunities to serve the community and raise funds at the same time. Please do volunteer if you possibly can!

Our sports teams have been very busy recently. The **netball team** travelled to St Mary's High School in Menston to compete in the finals of the Leeds schools' High 5 tournament. Unfortunately we didn't win our matches, but were complimented on the way our children "got stuck in" and weren't intimidated by more established teams. Our **Year 6 rugby team** were at Woodlesford yesterday for the Y6 Rugby Leeds cup and are proud of twice coming back from being 2 tries down and giving their opponents such a good match. Well done to all the children who come to training and then represent our school - as well as the teachers who give up their time to coach and take the children to matches.

As this letter goes to print we have just enjoyed the **Year 4 Class Sharing Assembly**. It is always interesting to hear what they have been up to and how they use their chrome books to further their learning. We particularly enjoyed hearing about their **Lineham Farm** adventures. We were impressed by their independence and how much they are enjoying their learning. Thank you to everyone who came to support them this morning.

Year 6 have their SATs next week. They have been working hard to prepare for the move to high school (and will continue to do so after next week!) We want them to feel calm and confident as they tackle the papers, so please make sure they get plenty of sleep and healthy exercise this weekend. (Year 2 have also been doing their statutory assessments, but luckily

it is easier to disguise that to 6 and 7 year olds who just know they have been doing special work for Mrs Hall in a nice new booklet. Please let's keep it that way – don't let older siblings tell them or worry them!)

Have a lovely weekend.

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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. Our parent governors are often on the playground. if you would like to talk to them.)

Class	Well done to this fortnight's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Rafael is really enthusiastic about writing and makes up great stories. Emma is an independent and creative learner; we loved her lift-the-flap book. Ellie used a video to find out how to draw a rabbit. Seany uses iPad to draw pictures.
Y1 (Nile)	Oliver Sq for his improved effort and attitude. Priya because she is becoming more independent in her writing. Heath is starting to be more resilient and is also trying hard in computing. Tayah-Mai has a good attitude and is showing this in computing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Connie for always trying her best and being a great role model for the class. Jorge for always having a positive attitude towards his learning and school life in general. Charlie J is able to access school approved websites independently to extend his learning. Molly is developing her computer skills which is increasing her confidence in technology.
Y3 (Rhine)	Abdullah for remembering to use his phonics sounds in his spelling and writing. Hope for never giving up when she finds the spellings hard. Flo is responding well to feedback and is using a growth mindset. Jovan is trying hard in maths with column addition.
Y4 (Ganges)	Lewis is thinking about improving the presentation of his work. Fin – his creativity adds value to the life of Year 4! All of the class have taken to Google Classroom with aplomb!
Y5 (Tigris)	Felicity has been putting a lot of thought and care into her work and presentation, in particular her 'evil standby' characters this week. James has been working hard on his writing skills and wrote an excellent report on the moon landing. Khi is a whizz at Times Tables Rockstarz – no one can beat him! Rowan is fantastic at ICT and is a great support assistant who helps others.
Y6 (Amazon)	Stan has produced some great maths work. Lydia worked hard on problem-solving recently. Elijah shows enthusiasm in computing. Seren uses her skills to help others in computing.
Citizen of the Week was Jesse nominated by Edwin for always being kind and following the school rules and because "he loves helping kids." Well done!	



Airienteers
Orienteeing in
Airedale and Wharfedale
Saturday afternoon orienteeing races



Sat 11th May
Millennium Field,
Wetherby

Sat 18th May
Nunroyd Park,
Yeadon

All races FREE for juniors and families

Sat 8th June
Bowling Park,
Bradford

Sat 22nd June
Riverside Gardens,
Ilkley

Registration
1-2:30

Starts
1:30-2:30

Electronic timing




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DIARY DATES

Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May		KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Friday 17 th May	*	Springboard Teacher Training interviews for 2019-2020
Saturday 18 th May	*	GroundForce Day: Come and help spruce up our grounds & enjoy at BBQ 11-2pm
Mon 20 th & Tues 21 st May		D:Side drug, alcohol and medicine safety lessons
Tuesday 21 st May		Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 21 st May	*	Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards
Wednesday 22 nd May		The Big Sing – Year 6 perform with children from all of Leeds
Thursday 23 rd May		Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Thursday 23 rd May		Possible tri athletics tournament (TBC)
Friday 24 th May		Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Tuesday 4 th June	*	Lawnswood coming to visit new children at Shire Oak
Thursday 6 th June		Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 11 th June		New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June		Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Tuesday 11 th June	*	YAMSEN choir rehearsal
Wednesday 12 th June		SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June		Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June	*	Stay and Play for Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	*	Reception Class trip to Harewood House and gardens TBC
Wednesday 19 th June		Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June		Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 24 th June		Y6 visit to Leeds City College TBC
w/c 24 th June		Multicultural Arts and Faith Week (including Ofrenda, Vicar and Imam assembly and trips to places of worship)
Tuesday 25 th June	*	YAMSEN choir performance
Wednesday 26 th June		The Big Play concert (Year 4 playing at Pudsey)
Tuesday 2 nd July	*	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Filey TBC
Tues 2 nd & Wed 3 rd July		Lawnswood transition days for Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd July		Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July		Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July		Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Friday 12 th July		Author visit to Y1? TBC
Wednesday 10 th July		Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July		Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Thursday 11 th July	*	Author visit to Year 1 (Yasmeen Ismail)
Monday 15 th July		Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July		Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July		R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July		Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July		End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July		Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July		Last day of term before the summer holiday.
Wednesday 16 th October		Skylar's Missing Note music concert
Wednesday 6 th November		Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 19 th December		Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking)
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		

Parenting Course held next door at Wheatfields: CALM IN THE STORM

“Where did we ever get the crazy idea that in order to make children do better, first we have to make them feel worse? Think of the last time you felt humiliated or treated unfairly. Did you feel like cooperating or doing better?”

Link <http://www.pennyvine.com/calm-in-the-storm-responding-with-compassion-to-childrens-intense-emotions/>

Date: Sunday, May 26th **Time:** 10.00 - 17.00 **Place:** Wheatfields Education Centre **Cost:** Sliding scale £65 - £90 or contact Penny Vine (tutor) if cost is a barrier pennyv34@gmail.com