

Dear Parents and Carers

**Happy New Year!** I hope that you had a good Christmas holiday. It has been lovely to have the children back in school even if getting back into routines is a bit of a gear change for some of us.

This week we have welcomed prospective and current families into school on our second **Open Morning** before the applications for September's intake closes. We like showing school on an ordinary working day and are proud of Year 6 who act as great tour guides. If ever there is an aspect of school life that doesn't make sense from your child's account of it – do please ask us! For Reception, Year One and Year Two our Stay and Play sessions can be a chance to see the classroom at first hand and chat informally to the class staff so it was lovely to see families this morning at the first one of 2024.

This week Year 3 have been part of a very special project. Funded by Headingley LitFest they have worked with local poet, and friend to the school, **James Nash**. Using their new topic as a stimulus they have written poems on the subject of volcanoes over a couple of sessions with him. They then showcased these in a special assembly for us on Thursday afternoon where we were impressed with their word choices, uses of personification and how they presented their work. As well as



parents and carers of Y3, we were joined by Al Garthwaite, the current **Lord Mayor of Leeds**. The children were very interested to see the full regalia that goes with the role. Al is one of the Headingley councillors and we are pleased that, once her mayoral duties cease, she will be joining us as the local authority representative on the governing body.



This Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 1pm to 2:30pm in Meanwood Park there is an opportunity for children to get out and about and active in nature at an introductory event organised by **Airienteers**. The event is for juniors and those new to orienteering. All courses stay in the park and surrounding woods and are suitable for all ages. Coaching and instruction available as well as electronic timing. Full details are on the [Airienteers website](https://www.airienteers.co.uk).

This is a busy half term and I look forward to working with you to make sure your children make the most of it.

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## DIARY DATES

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!
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Leeds Rhinos assembly about healthy lifestyles
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January *	Energy Heroes assembly and Y5 workshop
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
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum 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
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run a playscheme.	
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
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshops in school.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 piano and science workshop as part of Leeds International Piano Festival
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 for classes in school
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March *	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers) (this is a corrected date)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
EASTER HOLIDAY. School will be closed Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April. <a href="https://artcampuk.com/">https://artcampuk.com/</a> will run a playscheme.	
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!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 <sup>th</sup> May for one day.	
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!
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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.