

Dear Parents and Carers

Next week's break marks the halfway point in the school year and although it wasn't a particularly long half term, there are quite a few children who look ready for a rest! It is worth noting that we have one confirmed and one suspected case of **Scarlet Fever** in school as well as two cases of **croup**. Please check with your child's doctor if you are concerned about any of their symptoms. It was lovely to welcome many of you to **Stay and Play** this week so children could share their learning with you.



This week we have been focusing on **speaking out and staying safe**. We have had two special assemblies (for younger and for older pupils) by the NSPCC that help children know what to do if they are unsafe or

worried. This also helps them to learn the Childline number, in case they ever need it. It has also been **Safer Internet Day** this week and lots of classes have been following up on the work done with d:side in the autumn term. I have attached a special internet safety newsletter for parents.



This week Year 6 enjoyed a special (online) **workshop about World War Two** that supported their understanding of this period in history and how people lived then.



Yesterday Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the **Discovery Centre** in Leeds and an archaeology workshop to support their current history topic. They were very sensible getting the bus and walking through town too.



Year 4 are having a great time at **Lineham Farm**. The whole class are there on a three day residential and are enjoying the cycling, climbing, night walks and other activities as well as getting to know the animals and enjoying the lovely food. Thank you to the members of staff who give up their free time to accompany them.

On Thursday 2nd March it will be **World Book Day**. Amongst other reading and writing activities that day we will be having a dress up day so it may be worth spending some time in half term thinking about favourite books and authors. We never want parents to feel pressurised into buying costumes for things like this – it should be a celebration of reading, not a money-making exercise! Some costumes are more props than clothes, e.g. George's Marvellous Medicine: spoon and a bottle; Billionaire Boy: a big wad of cash; Tracy Beaker: a diary. For those that like dressing up there are some good and adaptable ideas here <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/> (This is not an endorsement of the website as a whole.) Danny the Champion of the World wears outdoorsy clothes, a long cardigan can be Hogwarts's robes, Tom Palmer's football books have sports kit mentioned and Sophie in the BFG is mostly in pyjamas.



Some children do not like dressing up or a change to their school routine and that is, of course, fine. Many book characters wear school uniform, so that might be an option. Alternatively, wearing a sticker or badge with a quote from a favourite book can be a good way to share. What we want from the day is a chance to talk about a love of books and to pick up recommendations for great future reading which is why costumes based on books, rather than films, is the aim.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Maisie is making great progress in reading and writing. Myles joins in during carpet sessions and is kind to others.
Y1 (Nile)	Ben consistently works hard and loves a challenge. Lily always tries hard and is engaged with all her learning.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Fox always tries his hardest and gives his best. He is working independently. Khadija is putting a lot of thought into her maths work.
Y3 (Rhine)	Were at the Discovery Centre all being superstars!
Y4 (Ganges)	Were at Lineham Farm all being superstars!
Y5 (Tigris)	Joseph has shown a positive attitude towards learning. Rhian is working hard on her Maths Passport.
Y6 (Amazon)	Bea has really improved her handwriting and presents her work beautifully. Charlie J is putting lots of thought into his writing and producing great work.
Citizen of the Week was Otis who was nominated for always being active in his learning and very straight forward in his attitude and behaviour. Well done!	

Thank you to FOSOPS for running the **hot chocolate and bun sale** after school on Friday as well as a chance to purchase new to you school uniform. Please watch out for their future events and offer to help, if you can. It is **Shrove Tuesday** the day after we get back and we are having a pancake day sale after school. Please support by sending in pancakes / volunteering to help sell pancakes / buying and eating pancakes!

Children may tell you that they had a **picnic lunch** in classrooms today. This is so that we can get a head start on painting the hall this weekend to keep it fresh and smart.

Have a great half term break and see you on Monday 20th February!

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Leeds SENDIASS Virtual Information Sessions

Our virtual information sessions aim to provide Parents and carers with information, advice and support on SEND topics that we are asked about most frequently. We are also available to answer relevant questions about the topic discussed at the of each session .

SEND Support in schools

This session covers what the law says that mainstream schools should provide under the Graduated approach, reasonable adjustments and preparing for and attending SEND support meetings.

Next sessions:

- Monday 6th March February at 5:15pm
- Wednesday 15th March at 1pm

EHC Needs Assessments

This session covers the Education, Health and Care needs assessment process. It includes how to request an assessment, guidance for filling in the EHC2 form, application timeline and possible outcomes.

Next sessions:

- Thursday 2nd March at 10am
- Monday 20th March at 5:15pm

Section 1 Appeals

This session covers appealing the section 1 decision. It includes the appeals process, mediation, filing in the appeal form, appeal timeline and possible outcomes.

Next sessions:

- Monday 27th February at 5:15pm
- Wednesday 8th March at 1pm

Refusal to Assess Appeals

This session covers appealing a refusal to assess decision. It includes the appeals process, mediation, filing in the appeal form, appeal timeline and possible outcomes.

Next sessions:

- Monday 13th March at 5:15pm
- Tuesday 21st March at 10am

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 th to 17 th February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21 st February	FOSOPS Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall (donations of pancakes please)
Tuesday 21 st February	Football team playing Beecroft (using Lawnswood's pitch as our home ground) TBC
Wednesday 22 nd Feb	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops for Years 5 and 6 following virtual assemblies and class workshops in the preceding weeks
Wednesday 22 nd Feb	Thinking Day. Members of the Guiding and Scouting associations can wear their uniforms.
Monday 27 th February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Tuesday 28 th February	Strike action by NEU (regional)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3 rd March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Tuesday 7 th March	Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 science fun workshops TBC
Tuesday 7 th March	Football team playing Sacred Heart at their school TBC
Wednesday 8 th March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8 th March	Movie Nights Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 th March. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 10 th March	Small group to visit Civic Hall Fairtrade Schools Celebration pm
13 th to 17 th March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Tuesday 14 th March	Football team playing Hillcrest TBC
Wed/Thu 15 th /16 th Mar*	Potential NEU industrial action (strike days)
Wednesday 15 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 th March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 th March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Monday 20 th March	Football playing Sacred Heart (using Lawnswood pitch as our home ground) TBC
Wednesday 22 nd March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 th March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 th March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 th March	Y5 trip to Leeds Piano Festival maths trip
Wednesday 29 th March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 th to 29 th March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers and drawing the Easter raffle (donation of prized welcome)
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 rd April to 14 th April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 th April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Friday 21 st April *	Headingley and Kirkstall Combined Schools Band assembly and drop in rehearsal TBC
Sunday 23 rd April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Wednesday 26 th April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 th April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 st May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 th May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th -9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.
Wednesday 17 th May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 th to 19 th May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 nd to 26 th May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	
5 th to 9 th June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
Tuesday 13 th June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Thursday 15 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House TBC

Friday 16 th June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 nd June	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Saturday 24 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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