



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to **Year 1** for a thoughtful and sweet **assembly** on Tuesday. We enjoyed finding out about animals, birds and all the other great learning you have been doing. We loved your artwork and particularly enjoy sharing your love of singing. Thank you to all the parents, carers, friends and family who were able to join us and the staff who work hard to help the children feel confident and proud to stand up in front of everyone.

Year 1 have had a busy week as they hosted our **bun sale** on Thursday. Thank you to all the families who managed to send in cakes and biscuits for them to sell and to everyone else for bringing their money to buy their wares!



On Tuesday members of our **Book Club** went to the annual **Leeds Book Awards**. They have worked hard, in their free time, to read the shortlist of books and write reviews and judge the titles. This contributed to a Leeds wide vote and it was interesting to see which of our favourites were winners as well as listen to some of the authors and enjoy a great reading event. This time there were very limited numbers of tickets so members of book club that didn't get their names pulled out of the hat this time will be going to the Leeds Library Service on a trip next week to choose books for school. Thank you very much to Janie who gives up so much of her time to read with book club, read with other reading groups and also manage to maintain our library as a bright and welcoming space that the children love.

This is the last quiet week for a while, so I thought it would be useful to summarise some of the things that are coming up where we would welcome parental help or support:

Saturday – clean up day at school

Monday – bring in/email in Extreme Reading photos for our year book

Tuesday – dress up day for Reading Week

Friday – bring a 'book in a jar' competition

Saturday 10th June – Headingley Youth Music Festival. All children invited to perform.

Ramadan starts at the end of next week. Local mosques and the guidance from the main British Islamic associations have always advised us that young children should not be fasting. Our very oldest children may be trying out aspects of fasting, e.g. trying it at the weekends, trying partial fasts (drinking, but not eating), fasting but not on days with lots of physical exertion, e.g. hot days and PE days. We will assume children are not fasting unless parents have contacted us to discuss the options and what will work best for the child. Please do not just send the child without a packed lunch or saying they are not taking a school dinner or we will assume that is not your wishes and will be encouraging them to eat.

Have a good weekend! I look forward to working with many of you tomorrow.

Jane Astrid Devane

DIARY DATES	
Saturday 20 th May	Spring Clean and BBQ
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.
Wednesday 7 th June	Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell visiting Year 5 and Year 6 for their space topic.
Wednesday 7 th June (evening)*	Meeting about SRE for Y5/6
Thursday 8 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Tuesday 13 th June	Meeting for new Reception parents and children
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! THIS WILL PROBABLY MOVE
Tuesday 20 th June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 22 nd June	Y5/6 trip to Jodrell Bank coming back later to school that day
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Monday 26 th June	Y3/4 trip to Magna
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 th June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring 30p)
Wed 28 th & Thursday 29 th June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 5 th July	Y1/2 trip to Filey coming back later to school that day
Thursday 6 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Mon 17 th – Wed 19 th July	Bikeability for Y6. They will be able to borrow bikes and helmets if necessary. We want as many children as possible to access the training and award.
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning.
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine) Y5/6 Sports Day will be in the afternoon (if fine). This is a change to the previously published date.
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.
Thursday 14 th September *	Judo workshops

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

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.)