



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our **Open Morning** this week or who spread the word to prospective parents. By holding it later in the year we had an even better turn out than usual and our **Y6 tour guides** were rushed off their feet! We received lots of praise for our oldest children who created interesting and informative tours – we think the best way to show off our school is to see it in action on an ordinary day and see that all the children in Year 6 are asked to lead tours to show classes happy and stretched in their learning.



This year the Y6 guides were particularly busy because Wednesday was also the morning of the **Sports Hall Athletics tournament** at Leeds Trinity University. Mrs Maver writes: *This Wednesday morning children from years 5 and 6 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics Competition against other local primary schools. It took place at Leeds Trinity University. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Shire Oak participants. Mrs Maver and Mrs Bennett were very proud not only of their performance (they came 3rd overall) but the children were well behaved showing outstanding sportsmanship. Some highlights of the day were the first places achieved by our sprint relay teams of Chennel, Patti, Jonas, Jake and Jayden. Well done everyone! Thank you to the team and to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Maver for coaching them, organising the event and taking the children.*

Class	This Week's Maths Superstars	Well done to these children who brought <b>special maths work</b> to assembly this week that will be displayed near my office. These children have either set a <b>high standard</b> or shown <b>great improvement</b> in their maths problem solving and how they present their work.
Reception (Thames)	<b>Lizzie</b>	
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Felicity</b>	
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Peter</b>	
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Kelsey and Phoebe</b>	
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Matthew and Maleehah</b>	
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Rhiannon and Shazfa</b>	
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Amelia</b>	

The **Citizen of the Week** was **Rudee** in Y2 who was nominated by Ted and Lily-Rose for being a kind friend.

Next week as part of Anti Bullying Week we will have a special assembly to remind the children of our anti bullying charter (We know what bullying is, we know what bullying isn't, we know what to do about bullying – Tell!) and we will end the week with a theatre show to reinforce that message. The show is called the Power of One and we are looking forward to it. The children will be signing the charter and making badges to remind us of the responsibility we all have to make sure that any attempts at bullying are dealt with quickly.



The other exciting event on the horizon is the annual **Winter Festival of Fire**. On Wednesday, straight after school, we will hold our festival which includes crafts, games, outdoor activities, singing, food and drink and of course – a roaring fire! Please join us to celebrate our outdoor learning and chase away some of the winter gloom. (Offers of help – please see Ian Martin (Y3 teacher) or Liz Craven (caretaker) – thanks!) There will, therefore, be no clubs running after school on Wednesday.

I hope you have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Festival of Fire!

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## DIARY DATES

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	FOSOPS meeting, Kidzone room. 9am. All welcome (including babies/toddlers)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	The Power of One anti-bullying shows, a.m.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y1 and Y2 Thanksgiving talk, pm.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. Staff and students from Leeds City Academy will be available after assembly to talk to parents.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 trip to Carr Manor school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Carol Singing at Victoria Court
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December *	Carol Singing at Bentley Court, tbc.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. This is a change from the 7 <sup>th</sup> November.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing at Victoria Court
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y1 please.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Christmas production, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December *	Book club trip to James & the Giant Peach, West Yorkshire Playhouse
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir carol singing at Wheatfields Hospice
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas parties
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church, 1:30pm. All welcome NEW DATE!
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec- Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back at school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, all welcome. 9:15am.
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Movie Night
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Residential, Beverley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team hobbies half day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June *	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year

\* means added or changed since last newsletter

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.