

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your children have enjoyed their first full week back at school and feel like they are getting into the swing of the school year. They are certainly trying hard to impress their new teachers and show their **love of learning** and it has been great to watch them rise to the new challenges.

Year 3 enjoyed their first **Forest School** session this Tuesday. They showed great cooperation, creativity and trustworthiness



in using found materials to demonstrate their understanding of the characters in the class book, *The Hodgehog*. In the coming weeks, they will be getting ready to start using Woodhouse Ridge on a weekly basis.



On the subject of the great outdoors, please find attached a leaflet about **St Michael's Garden**. This is a community space being developed in the churchyard and the hope is for it to be an important community resource – the better it is used the less chance there is of it being annexed for the Otley Run! Children in Y2, Y3 and Y4 are going to be involved in helping with the design and planting of the space and we are looking forward to seeing it develop.

As well as helping the environment in our local community, we encourage our children to become good citizens and think of others and stand up for what is right. It is always pleasing when we hear of children getting involved in positive campaigns or fundraising for others. India in Year 5 is soon going to be doing a 26 mile walk in aid of **Young Lives vs Cancer** after they helped her and her siblings. Find out more about the challenge and how to support it [here](#). Good luck India! We have good links with care homes in the area and one of these, **Headingley Hall**, have told us about a way we can help them. They are running a Christmas card competition and there is an under 11s category. They know it is early to be thinking about Christmas, but they want to be able to get the winning entry printed up to send to their residents and relatives and also to sell at their Winter Fayre. The entry information is attached to the newsletter. I am happy to forward entries to Headingley Hall if they are given in to school, clearly labelled.

On Wednesday this week we were very pleased to welcome Mr Mark Smith from the maths department at Lawnswood School for a fun afternoon of **maths puzzles and challenges** with Year 5. It is always a fun session and a useful part of our transition work to ensure children feel positive and confident about their eventual move to secondary school.

Thank you to FOSOPS for organising a **new to you school uniform sale** yesterday. If you missed it but are looking for particular items, please pass a message on to any member of FOSOPS who should be able to get it to the right person!

Well done to Year 4 for their first **djembe lesson** this week! They certainly sounded enthusiastic. For graduates of Year 4 [djembe](#) who still miss it there is the chance to progress on to learning the [dhol](#) drum in a small group. Please see the letter that went home this week.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Year 3 meeting this week to learn about changes as children move into Key Stage 2. I know that Mr Ian Martin has resource packs for those unable to attend and will be happy to chat to you. Other parent meetings are happening this coming week and I hope you are able to join us for them.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Jane Astrid Devane

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 23 rd Sept	Parent and Carer meetings: Reception Class early reading & writing (phonics) 5pm in the classroom Year One transition to KS1 5pm in the classroom Year Six Robinwood information 5pm in the classroom
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival, 9am in the hall. All welcome. (As well as this special assembly we ask for donations of food that can be distributed via local foodbanks.)
Tuesday 6 th October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 8 th October	After school local rugby tournament at Weetwood Primary School TBC
Friday 9 th October	Y5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Saturday 10 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk TBC
Wednesday 14 th October	Y5 virtual Anglo Saxons history workshop with Durham University a.m.
Thursday 15 th October	Y2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
Friday 16 th October	Stay and Play in Reception (YR), Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome.
Wednesday 21 st October	Y4 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome
Friday 23 rd October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (Last day of term – have a good half term break)
Monday 2 nd November	First day of the half term
Thursday 5 th November	Flu immunisations in school
Friday 6 th November	Diwali Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 11 th November	An Act of Remembrance will be held
Thursday 12 th November	Individual photos day TBC (prints will be back before Christmas)
Friday 13 th November *	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Wed 18 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 20 th November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Tuesday 24 th November	Headingley Lights Switch On at St Michaels TBC
Wed 25 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too) s
Thursday 26 th November *	Hanukkah assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 30 th Nov to 2 nd Dec	Robinwood residential school trip for Year 6 children
Wed 2 nd to 3 rd December	D:Side sessions on Internet Safety across school
Wednesday 9 th December	Nativity play dress rehearsals for KS2 to watch
Thursday 10 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play am
Friday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Play am
Tuesday 15 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am TBC
Tuesday 15 th December	School Christmas lunch (can be booked in advance)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas party day with party lunch and Christmas music performances by Chestra
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – have a good Christmas holiday
Monday 4 th January	First day of term
Monday 25 th January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 27 th January	YR and Y6 national measurement and vision checks
Tuesday 2 nd February	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Mon 8 th & Tues 9 th March	Hands On Science Workshops as part of British Science Week
Thursday 11 th March	After school local netball tournament hosted at Shire Oak TBC

Thursday 25 th March	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 7 th May	Y5 trip to Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility
w/c Monday 10 th May	KS2 SATs week (statutory tests – please avoid appointments, etc. this week)
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st May	Bikeability for Year 6. They have the strongest chance of achieving the proficiency standard if they have practised cycling in preparation. Cycle North often run sessions in school holidays for beginners
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

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

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