



Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed a number of visits and visitors recently. Year 3 and Year 4 have both been visited by Alive and Kicking's 'The Cave' project. The children explored the Stone Age through storytelling, drama and shadow puppetry – I look forward to seeing the writing they do following on from this great experience.



Year One and Year Two enjoyed their 'Food Glorious Food' visits to **Waitrose** in Meanwood this week. They investigated unusual fruit and found out more about how a supermarket works. They were then treated to smoothies made from some of the fruit.

There was plenty of **writing** to celebrate in **Year 3's sharing assembly** yesterday as they had written the whole thing themselves. They shared great learning from across the whole curriculum with pride and confidence. We particularly enjoyed their Boudicca Boasts poems.



Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a chilly, but interesting trip to **Eden Camp** yesterday as part of their history and English work. There is a lot to read and take in, and I'm pleased to say I have only had good reports of their conduct throughout the day.

At this time of year we have many families wanting to look round our school as they fill in their applications for **primary school places**. As ever, we entrust the task of guiding these visitors, on our **Open Day**, to our Year 6 children. They were excellent ambassadors, conveying both confidence and pride as they showed families around school. Some even came back in the evening to do it all again. We were proud of them and loved hearing the positive feedback after their tours.

Thankfully we have managed to have our drains jetted over the weekend, so hopefully the **flooding** of the front path will not happen again so quickly. Thank you for your cooperation when it happened. Thanks also for your help with stocking and spending at our class **bun sales**. Year 5 raised nearly £60 with their sale this week.



School Council have been working hard on **Anti Bullying Fortnight**. It is our tradition for children to receive a gift that reminds them of the theme and what they should do if they encounter bullying – TELL! The theme for 2019 is 'Change Starts With Us' to encourage all of us to see how we can contribute to a positive climate at school and how to be upstanders, rather than bystanders, if things have gone wrong., School Council have, therefore, chosen these colour change pens, made activities for KS2 to try out with the pens and have stuck all the stickers on themselves ready for an end of week assembly.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this week for **Stay and Play**. It is always good to see you. A very special opportunity to join your child at school is coming up this week – our annual **Winter Festival of Fire!** We will hold it after school on Wednesday and it will have the usual mixture of outdoor craft activities, singing, hot food and drink – and of course, a great big bonfire! (If anyone has any dry wood that they could bring us, please let us know!) As it has been very wet recently, some activities may have to be indoors or on the paved areas, and we ask you to please not let your children play football or skid on the front field. We try not to be too precious about the grass, but if we want to use it at all in the winter we have to prevent it being ploughed up now! Thanks for your help.

The session in school to administer **flu vaccines** has now happened. I appreciate that some parents missed out on registering, and there are some that have signed up, but didn't appear on the lists. Unfortunately, we have no part in the administration of the vaccinations and therefore could not add anyone to the list. We are not scheduled to have another session in school this year, and understand that GP surgeries can only

vaccinate medically vulnerable children. There are, however, centrally run **catch up clinics** being offered in Leeds. The details of these are on the noticeboard in the playground and displayed in the window near the school office.

Have a good weekend.

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# WINTER FESTIVAL OF

# FIRE 3.15pm – 5pm

wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

hall, field, firepit



Shire oak

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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

## DIARY DATES

18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	*	Internet Safety Week including visits from d:side Parents Workshop 2:30 to 3pm on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	*	Pens to Pals project group visiting Headingley Hall in the afternoon
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November		Internet Safety drama workshops for Y4, Y5 and Y6.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		Winter Festival of Fire after school. All welcome!
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November		Parliament & democracy assembly and workshop for KS2
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		Switch on of Headingley Christmas lights and carol singing. All welcome! Meet from 5pm at St Michael's Church from 5pm. Singing from 5:15 and switch on at 6pm.
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November		Y4 trip to 'Open Up Christmas' at South Parade
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Bun Sale with donations by Y4 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December		Book Club visit to Wizard of Oz at Leeds Playhouse 1:30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the morning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December		Nativity Productions morning c.9:15am and afternoon 1:15pm.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking) and Christmas parties
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January		Open Morning, 9:30am. All welcome!
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January		Maths Focus Day and maths meeting for Reception parents (in the afternoon)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January		Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January		Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January		Bun Sale with donations by Y3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January		TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January		Y3 assembly to present poetry written with local poet, James Nash (afternoon)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January		Y4 science workshop
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January		Geography Knowledge Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Y4 science workshop
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February		Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> February		Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March		Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Y4 Piano Fantasia trip (as part of Leeds Piano Competition)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> April		Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April		Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April		Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April		Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you're ready!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly
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Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.
<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> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

## **Internet Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers**

**Presented by d:side**

**Short presentation and time to ask questions**

**2:30pm to 3:00pm**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**(feedback was good after the last one we held)**