



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable bank holiday weekend. It is noticeable in school that lighter nights, public holidays and hayfever are combining to disturb the **sleep** of some of our children. There is a clear link at this age between lack of sleep and difficulty regulating behaviour, and sleep is also vital for children's continued learning development. Please feel free, therefore, to be a bit stricter about this than your child would like! This is particularly true for our oldest children who may be entering puberty and requiring more sleep than they have had previously, whilst feeling more grown up and entitled to a late night than ever. We know as well that children who sleep with mobile phones in their bedroom can have their sleep disturbed by the unnatural light or by the temptation to send or reply to messages, so it is good to get into habits about that now (e.g. phones on the landing before bed) so that more tricky battles are avoided later on. It is especially important that Y6 get good sleep and food this weekend as they will have a hardworking week next week as they sit the statutory end of key stage tests. They have worked hard and feeling rested will help them tackle the challenges confidently.

We have a **busy term** ahead of us, with Reading Week, Multicultural Arts Week, sports events, Headingley Youth Music Festival and our ordinary lessons. We are asking parents and carers to support us with these events that are so central to our school year as ways for the children to take pride in their school and the connections with the wider community. Please, therefore, see attached again the flyer and volunteer slip for the **GroundForce** day that is happening soon and a flyer about the **music festival**. Again, there is a slip at the bottom so that we can start recruiting the many volunteers we need to enable it to happen. Classes will be allocated stalls to run so that we can get as many people involved as possible. Thank you!

Julia Kelly, our Chair of Governors, has come to the end of her term of office. She has indicated that she is willing to stand again for another term, but as this is a **parent governor** vacancy we do need to give the opportunity for other parents or carers to nominate themselves. If you are interested, then please do contact me for more information and/or look at the letter at <https://goo.gl/5pQjtz>

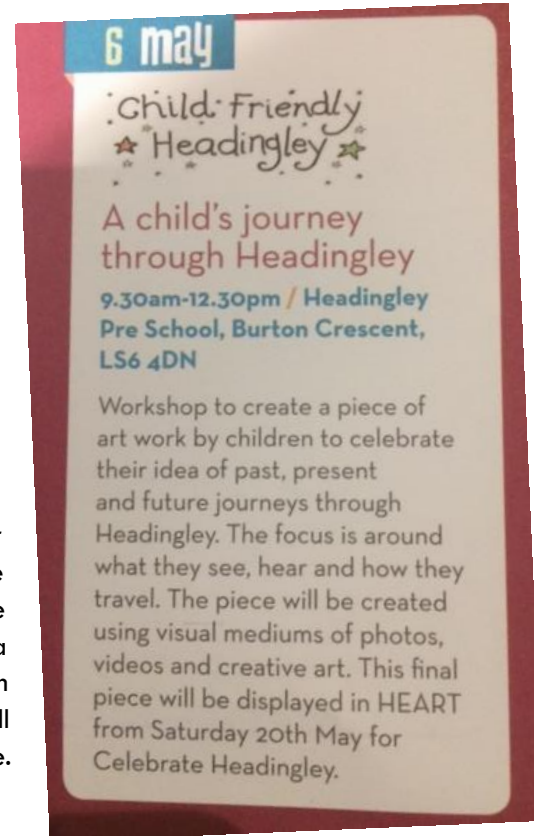
Congratulations to Hilary Whitehead (Learning Mentor) and Susie Hopkins (Y2 teacher) who were invited to a special celebration by Leeds City Council. Both were given **Long Service Awards** because they have worked for children in Leeds for over 25 years. Mrs Whitehead was camera shy and Mrs Hopkins doesn't know I have this photo as neither of them are good at shouting about their achievements which is why we are particularly glad that they were given this treat as they thoroughly deserve it! | Thank you for all your years of work at Shire Oak, Headingley and St Michael's Primary Schools.



Have a good weekend!

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DIARY DATES	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Leeds Book Awards, book club trip (from Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Clean and BBQ
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June *	Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell visiting Year 5 and Year 6 for their space topic.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new Reception parents and children
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! THIS WILL PROBABLY MOVE
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y5/6 trip to Jodrell Bank coming back later to school that day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 trip to Magna
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring 30p)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1/2 trip to Filey coming back later to school that day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July *	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* 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](mailto: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.)

# Shire Oak

## Ground Force Day

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

11am-2pm

with free BBQ

Can you help us dig, plant and clean the school grounds?

If you can help please fill in the slip and return it to school  
before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.



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Name of child(ren) .....

Class(es) .....

Numbers for BBQ      Meat       Veg

