

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so, so much for the very generous contributions to our harvest collection this morning. Your gifts are being taken by St Michael's volunteers to Rainbow Junktion and the local food bank. It was lovely to see so many of you this morning to share in our **Harvest Festival** and the first time Reception Class have taken part in a whole school assembly. They did very well and I hope you weren't too squashed in the audience! (Our plan to hold it outside for more space was scuppered by an earlier cold snap and a fair amount of rain this week.)



On Monday we were very pleased to welcome Chris from **Brave Words** to a very special performance poetry assembly. The children really enjoyed his poems and hearing about his work playwriting too. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter for anyone interested in joining their youth theatre group.



Thank you to **former Shire Oak pupils** Connie and Benji who came with teachers from Lawnswood to talk to Year 6 about life at secondary school. I hope they found it reassuring and exciting as they start to think about their next step at the end of the school year.

As you and your children may have seen in the news (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c784lwpvx7qo>) there is to be a new drive to ensure all schools have libraries because, sadly, many schools do not have libraries like ours or a librarian like Janie! For us, access to these books for information and pleasure are a vital part of school life and visiting each week helps build good habits for life. We know

that family life can be very busy, but we would love it if you could prioritise making sure library books are returned. Not only does this mean your child can take home a different book, but any that we lose and have to replace mean less money in the library budget to buy new books that the children will love. (For some children, the books from school are their only regular source of reading materials.) To help with planning, please note that these are the **usual library days**:

Wednesday – Reception Class, Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. (Year 6 choose books independently throughout the week.) Many families find keeping the book in the book bag when not being read helps to ensure it always goes back and forth to school. Thank you for your help in keeping our library so well stocked and inviting. (Honestly, when I visit other schools – including some secondary schools – I am always so grateful for the quality of our library, the work Janie does and how it is so central in our school.)

It is nearly time for the first ever **FOSOPS AGM** on Wednesday next week. Please come along to support the work of our PTA that support our school with fundraising and also with social events like the Woodland Walk → They are planning a big social fundraiser too – save the date notice overleaf.

Very well done to Coco and Dylan who have followed in their older siblings' footsteps to complete the **Six Dales Challenge** at age 10 and win the trophy for the youngest participants to complete it. They completed 23 miles across the dales, up and down hills, through bogs and across moorland in just over ten hours. We are looking forward to them showing the trophy in school! (Photo overleaf.)



Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	(Not yet attending this assembly)
Y1 (Nile)	Alba always tries her best and is a fantastic role model. Magnus is always so enthusiastic about his learning.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Alfie always tries his best and is enthusiastic in every lesson. Millie has a brilliant attitude to learning.
Y3 (Rhine)	Imogen is working hard, completing every task and engaging well with learning such as inspirational figures in history. Thomas is a brilliant role model and classmate, showing a positive attitude and consistent progress.
Y4 (Ganges)	Stanley has shown perseverance and dedication in swimming and is making brilliant progress. Kayon has showcased a positive, determined attitude in swimming meaning he is making fantastic progress.
Y5 (Tigris)	Jojo has demonstrated a good understanding of place value. Agata has shown she has a good understanding of place value. Noah makes thoughtful contributions during class discussions.
Y6 (Amazon)	Jake is making positive choices for himself and those around him. Rohan is using fantastic vocabulary in his writing.
Citizen of the Week was Barney for participating so well in the house team meeting with good ideas and was kind and helpful – a good team member. He was nominated by one of the house team captains. Well done!	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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SAVE THE DATE

FO5OPS QUIZ NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

RAISING FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
7 - LATE

BAR - BEER, WINES, SOFTS & ALCOHOL FREE

ONE STEP AHEAD, MEANWOOD, LS7 2HG

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM TICKETS ON SALE SOON!
EACH TICKET WILL INC FOOD & A DRINK

DIARY DATES

Friday 3 rd October	Y5 online history artefacts visitor Durham University
Saturday 4 th October	Open Day at Carr Manor
Tuesday 7 th October	Y5/6 rugby match at Whinmoor after school
Wednesday 8 th October	FOSOPS AGM, all welcome 6pm, in the hall
Thursday 9 th October	Y2 trip to Whistlestop Valley Kirkstall Light Railway
Friday 10 th October	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Saturday 11 th October	Woodland Walk –activities on The Ridge followed by refreshments in school.
Wednesday 15 th October *	Parents and Carers Consultation Evening (see letter for appointments)
Thursday 16 th October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 16 th October *	Y6/5 football team playing Ireland Wood after school (leaving just before end of day)
Wednesday 22 nd October *	Parents and Carers Consultation evening (see letter for appointments)
Thursday 23 rd October	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome
Thursday 23 rd October	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y2 this time please)
Friday 24 th October	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
HALF TERM 27 th to 31 st October. School closed to children. Art Camp UK will be running a playscheme on site.	
Tuesday 4 th November	Individual and sibling photos today
Wednesday 5 th November	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. Families welcome.
Thursday 6 th November	Y6 Viking workshop in Year 6
Friday 7 th November	Y3 Class Assembly. 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 10 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight begins. KS2 drama workshops today
Tuesday 11 th November	An act of Remembrance held today
Friday 14 th November	Y2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Tuesday 18 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (& anyone who wants to visit)
Wed 19 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Monday 24 th November	Dodgeball tournament, group of Y4 children
Tuesday 25 th November	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On & carols 5pm→ (St Michael's Church/outside, TBC)
Tues 25 th -Thurs 27 th Novem	Y4 Virtual Sessions about Ancient Romans
Thursday 27 th November	Yoga sessions for R/Y1/Y2/Y3
Friday 28 th November	Yoga sessions for Y4/5/Y6
Mon 1 st - Wed 3 rd Decemb	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden. Travelling by train.
Monday 1 st December *	Group of Y5 at dodgeball tournament after school (leaving just before end of day)
Friday 5 th December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 5 th December *	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y3 this time please)
Mon 8 th / Tues 9 th December	d:Side sessions on Internet safety (hopefully with parent session too)
Wed 10 th December	Reception and Y1/2 Nativities dress rehearsal to rest of school, am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Class Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Thursday 11 th December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see a Christmas Carol, pm
Friday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Tuesday 16 th December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 th December	School Christmas dinner. (If usually packed lunches, can be ordered in advance)
Wed 17 th December	Christmas disco Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas party day, including concert TBC. Lunch will be party food & can be booked
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
22 nd December to 2 nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children. There may be a playscheme.	
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
Tuesday 27 th January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Monday 9 th February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Friday 13 th February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
Monday 2 nd February	Health checks YR and Y6
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)

w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Friday 12 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June *	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
TERM 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.

Brownies – for girls aged 7-9 – Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures!

Local brownie groups in Hyde Park and Headingley currently have spaces for new girls to join. They meet one evening a week (Headingley – Thursday; Hyde Park – Friday) during term time for about an hour and take part in a huge variety of activities, often chosen by the girls themselves. Brownies learn new life skills, they go on new adventures, they try new things, they grow in confidence, they make new friends and they have lots of fun! If you have a daughter who might be interested in joining a local group then register your interest using the girlguiding.org.uk link below. Alternatively, you can contact me (leader with Hyde Park brownies) on 07787500338, vsjohnson86@hotmail.com. We look forward to hopefully meeting you soon 😊. Vicki

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/>



Brownies (7-10)

What our 7-10-year-olds do, wear and the badges they earn

www.girlguiding.org.uk