



Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing and busy week we have had in school!

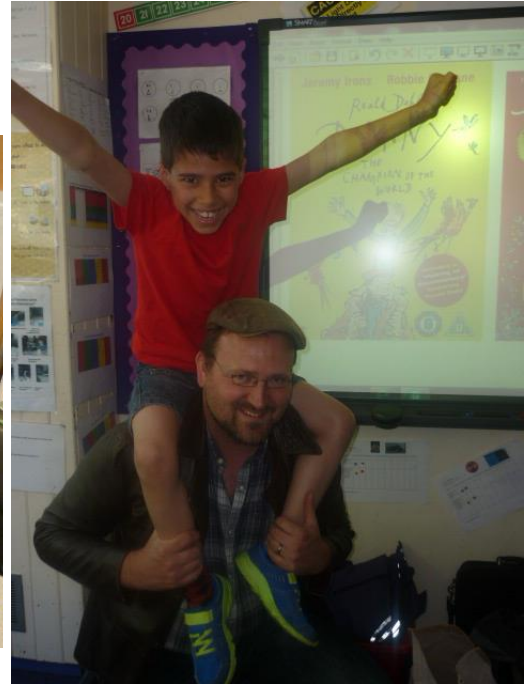
Reading Week is always a highlight of the year, and 2016's has been no exception.

On Monday we started the week with a special assembly and the launch of D.E.A.R. **Drop Everything and Read** is a popular part of



Reading Week when Year 6 children come round school at various times of the day ringing a bell. At that moment, whatever we are doing, we stop and quickly find something to read and enjoy.

On Tuesday we were very impressed with the effort that went into possibly our best ever **dress up day**. The range of characters was phenomenal and really got children talking about old favourites and new books they might like to try. (Even the small smattering of footballers and superheroes knew they had to be able to talk about a book they appear in!)



Year 1 have been busy for quite some time on their own top secret project. They were enjoying their writing so much they decided that they would like to make their own books to share with others. This led onto the idea for a special bookshelf. They measured up for it and Isabella's dad very kindly made a beautiful piece of furniture to their specifications! They have now opened their **special homemade library** – with a special ribbon cutting ceremony plus special guest Mr Davies – and are inviting other children in school to make homemade books to add to it. Well done Year 1, and thanks to the adults inside and outside school who have supported them.

All the classes have made time to visit **Headingley Library** to get the children into the good and pleasurable habit of using a local library. One group of Year 6s also went with Mrs Mitchell to the School Library Service where there is a great selection of books to choose and bring back to school.

Yesterday we were honoured to receive a visit from **Saviour Pirotta**. Saviour is a **bestselling author** (although his career includes writing for Teletubbies!) His book of myths and legends has sold millions of copies around the world. In assembly he told us the story in his next book and explained that it still needs a title. Any children with good ideas for the story title should write it, and their name, on a slip of paper and give it to Mr Davies after the weekend. Saviour said that if the best title comes from us he will call his book that and dedicate his book to the child with the idea! After assembly he spent time with classes up to Year 4, telling stories, writing together and answering questions about being an author.

Older children have been doing **paired reading** with younger children this week. As well as being a lovely thing to do socially, paired reading improves the confidence of both partners. In Reception Class parents have been invited to read to the class – this has been an absolutely lovely way to welcome parents into the classroom and to share different books.

This week there has been a **book giveaway** (with old stock from the library), lots of reading and drama activities in class and the exciting **creation of a story** as it progresses throughout school. (It started in Reception and is making its way, section by section, throughout school ready for its first reading on Monday!)

As I write this newsletter there are still a few events to go as Friday sees a welcome visit from Dave Bache to do some **drama work** with Year 5, and fun in Year 6 who will be doing a special drama activity with Mr Davies. (Year 5 are also anticipating a visit from the **Fire Service** this afternoon, to talk about safety in the home – provided the crew aren't called out on an emergency!)

Also this morning we had a special assembly to find out more about a very special opportunity coming up to be one of just three schools providing entertainment on the **triathlon** route! Sam, from One Day Creative, gave the children an idea of how they would work in the **Brazilian dance workshop rehearsal**. Please make sure you send back the slip on the letter brought home today if your child would like to take part!

Well done to Year 1 (and their busy parents and carers) who contributed so many great cakes for the **bun sale** yesterday. They raised £51.70, which will be used in Year 1 towards the cost of trips or other extras. Thank you!



There are lots of opportunities coming up to get involved and support school life. I hope to see many of you at Shire Oak Sunday this weekend – 10am at St Michael's Church to take part in the All Age Service. FOSOPS are also looking for a good number of volunteers to run the Summer Fair part of Headingley Youth Music Festival that we put on for the local community in June. (Please fill in and return the attached slip.)

Have a great weekend!

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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.

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CAN YOU HELP AT THE YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 12-4PM?

Please indicate below if you can help (and at what time). Thank you!

Stalls

Refreshments

BBQ

Face painting

Tombola

Raffle

Setting up from 10am

Clearing away from 4pm

12pm-1pm

1pm-2pm



Family Cycle Day

Get your bikes out of the shed and bring them down to our cycle day. Edinburgh Cycles will be on hand to help with any small maintenance issues as well as bringing some electric bikes for the adults to trial.

Teach your young ones to ride their bikes on a soft surface and build their confidence cycling with other children. Although this is for all the family please note it is not a long cycle track for adults, the idea is that people can cycle in a safe environment and the kids can be seen at all times to stop parents having to run round after them!

Refreshments will be on sale and there will be other fun bike related things to do. Parking is available in the car park adjoining Weetwood Hall Hotel.

Hoping for lovely weather!

Where...

Weetwood Sports Park, Ring Road,
Weetwood, Leeds, LS16 5AU

When...

Saturday May 21st, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

More

details...

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EDINBURGH BICYCLE COOPERATIVE

The lovely folk from Edinburgh Bicycle Cooperative in Chapel Allerton will be on hand with a Free Dr Bike service and several electric bikes to try out.

Bring your bike along for a free chain clean and lube and a free safety checkover including minor tweaks to brakes and gears, and make the most of the friendly team's expertise.



"Co-operative not corporate."

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE
12 NOON - 4PM

FREE Admission



HEADINGLEY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

at

SHIRE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOUNCY CASTLE

75FT ACTIVITY RUN

STALLS, REFRESHMENTS

LIVE MUSIC

Showcasing a wide range of live music performed by young people of Headingley and the surrounding communities.

Affiliated to the Headingley Music Festival

ALL THE FUN OF A SUMMER FAIR!

DIARY DATES

Saturday 14 th May	FOSOPS Spring Clean event at school – please help! 10 until 2.
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th May *	Reading Week
Tuesday 17 th May *	Dress up as your favourite book character day – from a book, not just from a film!
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 19 th May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Sunday 22 nd May	Shire Oak Sunday. All children invited to take part in a special family service at St Michael's Church, 10am.
Wednesday 25 th May	Y6 school nurse height and weight check
Wednesday 25 th May	Geography Mapping Day. Includes Y3/4 trip to Otley Chevin for orienteering
Friday 27 th May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Tuesday 7 th June	Dance Carnival Brazil workshop to prepare for Sunday's performance at the Triathlon on Sunday that will be passing close to school. (max 30 places available.)
Thursday 9 th June	Y5/6 orienteering trip to Otley Chevin (TBC)
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 10 th June	Reception Class trip to Tropical World
Saturday 11 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Sunday 12 th June	Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon passes school – we are performing!
Tuesday 14 th June	New Reception Parents' meeting 9:30am and 6pm
Tuesday 14 th June	Y3 trip to the Mining Museum
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 17 th June *	Visit from 5 Panamanian teachers TBC
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –Assessment and report writing (confirmed)
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days for September's Y7
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 th June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 30 th June *	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class (new date)
Tuesday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day for September's Y7.
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day – meeting new classteachers, etc.
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 th July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 th July *	Leeds City Academy transition day for September's Y7
Thursday 14 th July *	Garforth Academy transition day
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Tues 19 th July *	Year 6 production being shown to the children in school, 1:30pm
Wednesday 20 th July	R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July *	Y5/Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July *	Optional drop-in parents/carers consultation evening to discuss reports
Wednesday 20 th July *	Y6 production to parents, 6pm. (Children come back to school about 5:40pm)
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd July *	Bikeability training for Year 6 (Rearranged date due to production move)
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm
(Monday 25 th July) *	Reserve date for Sports Day R/1/2 am and Y3/4 pm
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 26 th July *	Reserve date for Sports Day Y5/6 pm
Tuesday 15 th November 2016	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Thursday 12 th January 2017	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March 2017	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	