



Dear Parents and Carers

We have all felt particularly safe today due to the number of **heroes** present! Year 1 and Year 2 have been dressed as superheroes, every day heroes like firefighters and paramedics and children's own heroes including Florence Nightingale, a Great Uncle from the RAF, a grandma and a suffragette. Thanks for supporting this fun day – it does seem to have inspired the children who are very much enjoying this topic. Thanks are due to parents and staff who have volunteered themselves or others to come and speak to the children. They have particularly enjoyed visits from Poppy (Rudee's mum) a paramedic, PC Jamie Wilkinson, a representative from Guide Dogs for the Blind and Owain Black, Mrs Black's husband. Owain Black is a high school teacher and has cerebral palsy. All classes were shown his picture in advance of Monday's visit and were allowed to ask any questions they wanted. He then led an assembly on **disability** where he answered children's questions frankly and the children decided with him that they wouldn't like a school where everybody was the same.

Other visitors this week have included the tutors from **d:side** who came to deliver our annual spring sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs. We invite them to school each year, which means children cover the full range of topics in an age appropriate way in their seven years with us. Please do ask you child what they have been learning.



Our final visitor this week was Anna Simons, also a parent at our school, who is involved with the **Headingley Neighbourhood Plan**. The idea of the plan is to write a statutory document that will be used by the council and others when making decisions about our local area. Anna came to speak to School Council who will now find out the views of their classmates. If you would like to find out more, or contribute your ideas then visit <http://www.headingleyneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/> Also on the subject of plans for Headingley, I hope you received the letter this week about the consultation about increasing the number of school places in the area. To share your views visit:



<https://leedsschoolplaceplanning.wordpress.com/2015/01/27/headingley/>

I am surprised that I haven't received a **match report** from football manager Marshall. I have never seen a group of children smile so broadly after a 14-0 defeat! It would seem that even our fancy new football kits didn't give us the edge but our team of Y4/5/6s played with enthusiasm. Our football pitch would fit into St Theresa's several times over so our team are determined to build on their stamina for their next away match.

This week's **Citizen of the Week** is **Niamh** who was nominated by Millie for always being kind and caring and helping others. Last week's **Citizen of the Week** was **Emaya** who was nominated by Maryam who had noticed her helping an older child when they were hurt.

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Jai is trying new activities and challenges. Greyson is starting to write sentences.
Y1 (Nile)	Svetlana is trying hard with her handwriting. TJ is concentrating well with his writing and reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Seren used her imagination and expressive language in her story yesterday. Lily-Rose always tries her best and is a great role model.
Y3 (Rhine)	Noah listened to advice, responded to the lesson and marking and really improved the quality of his writing.
Y4 (Ganges)	Antony has written a maths poem on fractions for our blog. Katie has been thinking carefully about ordering fractions in maths.
Y5 (Tigris)	Adam is showing effort and enthusiasm in his learning, especially in maths and writing. Chennel is showing a great positive attitude as well as being kind and helpful to those around her.
Y6 (Amazon)	Kion is showing good focus and has been really improving his writing. Ellie listens well to advice about her work and acts on it to improve her maths and English.

It was lovely to see parents and grandparents at **Stay and Play** today. I hope you all have a refreshing and fun half term break and we will see you on Monday 23rd to start the second half of the year.

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Did you know?

That in the summer term Year 2 will be starting swimming lessons. 😊
 We are using some of our PE money to fund this intensive course to make sure children are water confident before starting in KS2 and continuing the weekly swimming lessons they have in Year 3. After Easter Y2 will be swimming at the recently refurbished Armley Pool on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Y2 parents – please help us by practising speed changing with your children now!



A selection of lovely heroes from Year 1 and Year 2.

DIARY DATES

Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Monday 23 rd February	Our Safer Internet Day with a production to watch in the morning
Tuesday 24 th February	Chinese New Year dinner at lunchtime
Thursday 26 th February	Y5 drama and writing project with Alive and Kicking (to be confirmed)
Friday 27 th February	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Friday 27 th February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Monday 2 nd March	FOSOPS meeting, just after drop off in Kidzone. All welcome.
Tuesday 3 rd March	KS1 visit from firefighters with a fire engine (subject to change)
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 5 th March	Y5 drama and writing project with Alive and Kicking (to be confirmed)
Friday 6 th March	Holi (Hindu Festival) assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	Year 4 Residential, Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 20 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Wednesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter production
Thursday 2 nd April	FOSOPS Easter Egg Hunt after school
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May	Leeds Book Awards
Monday 25 th –Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Sunday 7 th June	Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak (date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter

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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)



Ridge Rangers

Free sessions for children aged 7-12
The last Sunday of the month
10am-12noon

Environmental Education,
Bushcraft & Games.

Children need to register
before attending



Check out our website:
www.hydeparksource.org



Adults: Why not join activities with the
Woodhouse Ridge Action Group?
www.woodhouseridge.org.uk

To book a free place and for more info contact:
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