



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to **Year 5** for their fun and informative **assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed finding out about all their work on the solar system, their learning across the curriculum and the way they beat the parents at maths facts!

FOSOPS are organising an end of half term treat for Friday next week. There will be a **hot chocolate sale** straight after school, in the hall. They would really appreciate donations of buns and cakes to sell with the hot chocolate. School Council have also asked for us to reinstate class bun sales that they help to run, so we will schedule in daytime bun sales by Years 1 to 6 before the end of the school year. We are therefore asking Reception parents if they would be able to contribute buns to this event instead. Please bring them to school on Friday. If your speciality are particularly suitable for children with dietary restrictions, please label that clearly so that we can keep them separate (bought buns are also appreciated – just remember that we don't charge a lot, so don't spend more than we would sell them for!) Volunteers to help with the sale are also appreciated – please let us know if you can help. We will have the 'new to you' used uniform sale there too.

Children across school have been enjoying finding out what the new materials are that have been delivered to replenish the **Scrap Shed** and we have enjoyed seeing their creations. Assemblies this week have focused on **being safe at playtime and lunchtime**. After the months of playing in class bubbles, the children are branching out and mixing more so we are helping them to remember how and when to get help from an adult and how to negotiate and share toys, resources and space. We have been impressed at how they have responded to these messages and are always glad when they tell us – or you – about any difficulties they have had. This helps us help them to resolve problems and also to spot if any children need extra support and vigilance to make good behaviour choices.



We have also been impressed by the way that children have responded to a renewed focus on **pride in their written work**. We know that when children present their work well they think of themselves as better writers and therefore write more and with better quality. We are helping them to think about the audience for their written work and to deal with mistakes in an open and positive way to learn from them (no scrubbing them out, just a neat line through that shows what they were thinking). We are encouraging them to use a cursive script, when they are able and then move on to using a pen when they and their teacher think they are ready.

Attached is a flyer about a **parenting course**. This sounds good because it doesn't try to teach you what you already know, but instead gives the space to reflect on what is working well and tweak things that could make home life easier and parenting decisions more consistent.

Many of our parents have benefitted from working with **Jane Hinchliffe** who has supported our school for a number of years now. Jane's expertise is widely recognised in Leeds and she has therefore secured a new job which will enable her to help others doing similar roles. This means, unfortunately, that she will be less available to work directly with our families although she will not be breaking ties with us straight away. We will be making sure that all the children who have been working regularly with Jane have the chance to say goodbye and that all children will be able to give her a send off in assembly. I know that many parents will want to say goodbye too and she will be on the playground as usual on Tuesday and Thursday morning next week. We will miss her! In the meantime, please do speak to your child's class staff about any worries they have or to any of the designated safeguarding staff if you need support: Lawrence Nash, Marcelle Maver, Sara Mitchell or me (Jane Astrid Devane).

White Rose Maths

**1-minute MATHS**

KS1!

- Subitising
- Addition
- Subtraction

Have you heard about our amazing new app?

It's 1-Minute Maths

Designed for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

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This first version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, and focuses on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising'. The free mobile app is available for Apple/iOS, Android and Kindle.

We do not recommend young children spend too much time on tablets or phones, but this **maths app** (1 Minute Maths) is one that we would endorse. The activities are only 1 minute long and concentrate on building speed, confidence and fluency in the building blocks of maths. Most suitable for Reception and KS1 we recommend starting on activity 1 and working through at a pace that suits your child. You may want to keep a note of their scores to see if they can beat them!

We know many of you enjoy visiting the theatre, particularly to see plays with young actors in them. Due to the language and themes of this production of **Skellig** at the Carriageworks it may be most suited to our older children and their siblings in high school. Early bird tickets are on sale until 14<sup>th</sup> February but there is still time to read the book before going to see the show!

23 - 26 March 2022  
Leeds Children's Theatre presents

# Skellig

By David Almond  
adapted from the award winning novel  
Directed by Dan Daintier

Man, bird or Angel? Who, or what, is Skellig?  
And what will happen when Michael and Mina carry it out into the light?

Carriageworks Theatre (Main Auditorium)  
3 Millennium Square, Leeds, LS2 3AD  
Box Office 0113 376 0318  
www.carriageworkstheatre.co.uk

10% early bird tickets until 14th February 2022

SCAN ME

Carriageworks Theatre

This Sunday is **Shire Oak Sunday**. This annual event is an invitation to join the congregation of St Michael's Church in Headingley, our Foundation Church. It is an all-age service, particularly suited to children and families. We have been practising some of the hymns so that they will be familiar to the children. Anyone who would like to join is most welcome. Although you can sit where you want, children often choose to sit together with other school mates and their families. You can join in with as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Children will be invited to join the choir in singing, 'This Little Light of Mine' for the congregation as it is a school favourite. Some of our older children will be reading the gospel and leading the prayers. Refreshments are served afterwards. The service starts at 10am but I will be there a little earlier. I hope to see many of you there. Whatever you are doing, have a great weekend!

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PS I am very pleased to report that we have had no new Covid cases in our school community this week! Attendance in some classes was back up to 100%!



Chinese New Year assembly last week

### DIARY DATES

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Leeds Rhinos v Warrington at 12.30pm. Year 5 see email from Mr Martin
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (all invited to take part in the All Age Service) 10am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> February	House Team Hobby Half Day for Y1-Y6
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Leeds United PSHCE project with Year 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February *	Hot Chocolate & bun sale after school in the hall (Please can Reception Class provide buns?)
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM BREAK
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school – help needed please!
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day. We celebrate by dressing up as characters, wearing quotes, etc.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 trip to Leeds City Museum using public transport
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Pizza Club starts straight after school on Thursdays for Year 6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. We hope to be able to invite parents to this assembly.
11 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 visit to Herd Farm for Stone Age topic
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Day
28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Games Night after school. All welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter production by Years 3 and 4 in the morning. Parents welcome.
4 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays (Leeds always has the first two weeks of April)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school after Easter
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	YR Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed due to the bank holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability for Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Week Including road/pedestrian safety (YR – Y3 Monday) & scooter safety training (Y4 Y4 Friday)
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May *	Y4 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	SRE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (please bring tombola prizes for the summer fair at HYMF)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital pm. All children who learn an instrument may perform.
20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week including after school event on Wednesday
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Meetings for Reception Class 2022 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community and it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities and other music-making 12-4pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening
18 <sup>th</sup> July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning TBC Y5 Y6 Sports Day in the afternoon TBC
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
<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	
TBC means to be confirmed. * marks items that have been added or amended since the last newsletter	



Leeds SENDIASS  
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice Support Service

## Leeds SENDIASS workshops

We are running a number of virtual workshops for parents and carers based around the topics we are asked about most frequently.

The workshops will be presented by our experienced officers. The aim of the sessions is to give information, advice and support to parents and carers, and to explain processes clearly. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and request support materials such as guides, fact sheets and FAQ sheets.

If you would like to attend, please send an email to [leedssendiass@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:leedssendiass@leeds.gov.uk) to book a place and include your name, postcode, contact number, child's age, and their SEN/diagnosis. Alternatively call our advice line on 0113 3785020.

### SEND Support in schools

The workshop will cover: What SEND support can be accessed in school, preparing for and attending SEND meetings, the Graduated Response, reasonable adjustments, and support from other agencies.

- 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10am
- 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1pm

### Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessments Application

The workshop will cover: How to request an assessment, guidance for filling in the application forms and information on the process including timelines.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am

### EHCP Reviews

The workshop will cover: Preparing for and attending a review meeting, requesting a change of setting, calling an early review, updating the content of a plan and what to do if you are unhappy with the review process or outcome

- 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10am

### Appealing to the SEND Tribunal – Refusal to Assess

The workshop will cover: Appealing decisions to the SEND tribunal in relation to an EHC needs assessment, including mediation, the tribunal process and preparing paperwork.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am

### Preparing For Adulthood

The workshop will cover: Preparing for adulthood, EHCP reviews and updating the content of the plan, and post 16 placement.

- 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm