



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good half term break. It has been great to see the children again this week, and particularly good to see that many of them are acting on advice you have given them following the recent parents' evenings. There are one or two parents who have not yet had appointments so please make sure that you arrange them as soon as possible to ensure that we are working together as well as we can to help your child/ren make great progress.

This week has been **Internet Safety Week** in school – you may have had a clue from the enthusiastic singing of 'Check it!' at home! The children have been learning to be e-safe, be e-kind and be their e-best this week with an assembly, work in classes and special sessions from **d:side**.

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet for parents. If any parents are worried about understanding the plethora of apps and social media platforms that exist, there are copies in school of a booklet used by the police to catalogue sites potentially used for CSE. We will continue the safety theme for

the next two weeks as we mark **Anti Bullying Fortnight**. Please see the flyer above for a parent workshop next week.

Anti Bullying Week:
Workshop for Parents

- ❖ Would you like more information on bullying, how to support your children to deal with bullying and how it is handled in school?
- ❖ Call in to the Community Room 2:30pm-3pm on Tuesday 7th November for a relaxed information session.
- ❖ Please contact Jane Hinchliffe on 0113 2755890 or e-mail jane@raisingfamilies.co.uk if you would like to know more.

Hope to see you there!

Well done to everyone for the **Birthday of Guru Nanak** assembly this morning. With only a few days to prepare, the children have been learning about this Sikh festival, ready to share their learning this morning. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us.

FOSOPS have been busy recently with a successful Movie Night and plans for this weekend's **bonfire**. Do please join us on Saturday for a fire, sparklers, food and drink. Our event is timed so that it can be enjoyed by younger children before bed, as well as older members of the family who may be going on to organised firework displays. If your children will be buying sparklers on Saturday, please bring gloves if you can.

BONFIRE EVENT 4-6pm Saturday 4th November

This week we were also pleased to welcome students and colleagues from the University of Leeds to start this year's work in our **Community of Philosophical Exchange**. It was good to stretch our brains with Grace Lockrobin and our teachers in our philosophy lessons and induct this year's cohort of students who will be working with us.

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that the cost of (KS2) **school dinners** for this half term is £84 for Years 3-5 and £76.80 for Year 6 (because of Robinwood).

She has also asked me to let you know that Year 6 will be going round the classes next week for children wishing to give a donation of their choice for a **remembrance poppy**. They will also have the following items for sale, which have a suggested minimum donation: Friendship Bracelets and Flexi Rulers (£1) Wristbands, bugs, tattoos (pack of 10), hair clips, pencils, erasers and reflective tags for 50p each.



SHIRE OAK FRENCH DAY

**Next Wednesday, 8th November,
children can come to school dressed
in the colours of the French flag. We'll
spend the whole day participating in
a variety of French-themed activities
as part of our language learning.**

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend and hope to see many of you on Saturday!

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Well done to Y6 who made £56.30 in their **bun sale** yesterday. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated or bought buns and cakes!



THE FIREWORK SAFETY CODE

Fireworks and bonfire evenings can provide much entertainment so long as everyone follows safety procedures and remembers that fireworks can be dangerous if misused.

1. Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
2. Don't drink alcohol when setting off fireworks.
3. Keep fireworks in a closed box or tin.
4. Follow the instruction on each firework.
5. Light them at arm's length using a taper.
6. Stand well back.
7. Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it doesn't go off, it could still explode.
8. Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
9. Always supervise children around fireworks.
10. Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
11. Never give sparklers to children under the age of 5.
12. Keep all pets indoors.
13. Don't let noisy fireworks off between 11pm and 7am.
Fireworks set off outside of the permitted hours can be reported to the police.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 4 th November	School Bonfire, 4-6pm. All welcome! Free entry with sparklers & refreshments to buy.
Monday 6 th November	Anti bullying theatre show
Wednesday 8 th November	French Day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th November	Y3 class assembly, 9am, all welcome.
Friday 10 th November	Angela Birkin, new curate at St Michael's, meeting Y1 to start a link with that class.
Friday 10 th November TBC	Y5 Intergenerational Workshop (Headingley Memories) Grove Park Care Home
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th November	Anti Bullying Week (signing the pledge, assemblies, parent workshop, etc.)
Tuesday 14 th November	Open Morning & display of homework 9:30 am. For current & prospective parents.
Wednesday 15 th November	Meeting about maths for new Reception Class parents, 2pm, TBC.
Friday 17 th November	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Tuesday 21 st November	Switch on of Headingley Christmas lights 5:40pm with Christmas Carols.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school.
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 Class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 4 th December	Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 5 th December	Dress rehearsal for nativity performances in front of the other classes
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th December	Robinwood Residential for the Year 6 class
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am, all welcome!
Tuesday 12 th December	School Christmas lunch.
Saturday 16 th January - Tuesday 2 nd January	School closed for Christmas holiday.
Tuesday 2 nd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 5 th January	Reports to parents Y1-Y6 go home this week.
Friday 5 th January *	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Monday 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week (growth mindsets, etc.)
Wednesday 10 th January	Open Morning
Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 12 th January	Fractions Friday (fun maths day)
Friday 19 th January	Geography Fun Facts Day
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 29 th January *	Bun Sale run by Year 4 (Y4 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Thursday 1 st February	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Sunday 4 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael's Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	Reading Week will include a dress up day.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February	School closed for half term holiday.
Monday 19 th February	'Get into STEM' (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2
Wednesday 21 st February *	Movie Night
Thursday 22 nd February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Thursday 1 st March *	Bun Sale run by Year 3 (Y3 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 2 nd March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 th March *	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April	School closed for Easter holiday.
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 th April *	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school

Thursday 26 th April	*	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 th April		Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May		Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.		
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th May		KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 th May	*	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
Monday 21 st May	*	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 nd May		Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May		Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday		
Saturday 9 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June		Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June		New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June		Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th June	*	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 th June		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June		Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June		Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July		Transition day
Monday 9 th July		Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July		Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July		Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July		Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July		Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July		Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July		Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	*	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 th July		Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 th July		Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* 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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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 Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)



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