



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been so lovely to welcome back all the children following the Easter break and to hear about their holidays. We have had a busy week getting back into good learning routines but also enjoying enrichment activities.



Classes have been learning about the Jewish festival of **Passover** and particularly the significance of the Seder meal. Some classes paired up to enjoy this activity together.



Year 4 visited **Headingley Hall** on Monday afternoon to sing their Easter production songs for the elderly residents there. They were very well received!



Older children in our **book club** have taken on a new challenge this term. They are sharing their love of reading by reading with, *and to*, some of our younger children in a lovely lunchtime club.

School Council have also been helping this week when they met with

Mrs Catherine Taylor to discuss the **new school dinner menu**. They gave feedback on likes, dislikes and new ideas. They also got to try out a couple of new desserts!



Year 5 enjoyed a fun **rugby coaching session** on Friday afternoon last week when Harvey from Leeds Rhinos came to school. They all joined in well.

Attached to this newsletter is the 'What's On' guide for the **Children's Centre** including sessions in our school hall.



Well done to **Reception Class** for their lovely **class assembly** this morning. We enjoyed hearing how they plan, tell and write their stories, how they have explored life cycles, their rocket maths and all the other learning they have been doing.

**Year 2** have also had a confident week with a **class assembly** yesterday where they showed off their independence, learning across the whole curriculum and especially their topic on Leeds. They also impressed us this week when they went to their first school **swimming lesson**. Not only did they get changed quickly and sensibly but they all had a go at the water activities they were asked to do. They will be going three times a week this term to build their water confidence and prepare them for weekly lessons in Year 3.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class. Thank you to the Year 6 scribes who record what the certificates were awarded for.
YR (Thames)	<b>Juliet</b> always listens really well and concentrates during carpet times. <b>Inigo</b> is always enthusiastic and tries his best.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Nicolas</b> is improving with his writing and did some lovely work about his holiday. <b>Agata</b> consistently works hard and puts in effort to her work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Jann</b> has been trying hard to improve his writing and been listening to advice. <b>Beckett</b> has been trying hard this week to make sure everyone can read his writing.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Amelie</b> is regularly practising her spelling and using her spelling knowledge when writing. <b>Rafael</b> has worked hard to improve his presentation especially in writing.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Benji</b> has a very mature attitude towards his learning and is enthusiastic in all lessons. <b>Bethan</b> always approaches her work with a positive attitude and always gives her best effort in all areas of her learning.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Charlie NS</b> deals with tricky maths questions in a thoughtful manner. <b>Charlotte</b> has been working diligently to develop her joined up writing.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Oliver</b> is doing good thinking in maths and contributing more. <b>Luke</b> is focusing on his writing and being a role model to his classmates.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> , nominated by Rosa, was <b>Isabel</b> because she is always trying hard and following the school values. She is kind, caring and is always thinking of other people even if she is going through hard times herself.	
Well done to any children who have achieved their next <b>Maths Passport</b> continent and are travelling on to the next one.	

As you will know, **COVID** regulations have now changed in England. As before though, it remains important that we try to limit the spread of infections within our community. The guidance is now that if a child is unwell and they have a high temperature they should not attend school until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. (Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough who are otherwise well can still come to school.) Please teach them to cough/sneeze into elbows as well as how to use (and dispose of) tissues. From now on it will be very unusual for children to have a positive test result as tests are now only available and reportable if directed by a medical professional. In the case that a child has a positive result, they need to stay off school for at least three days from the test result.

It is great to see children enjoying the better weather and playing together **after school**. Please remember though that once children have been released from their classrooms we are not supervising them. Some of the after school footballers have been a little too daredevil in their attempts to retrieve balls – please make sure they are not trying to climb the fences around school that have very sharp spikes on them!

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 4 back to school this afternoon. Since Wednesday they have been at **Lineham Farm** on their first school residential. The whole class have thrown themselves into the activities and we are looking forward to hearing more about their adventures.

I hope you have a very good **bank holiday** weekend. We will see you again on Tuesday!

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## DIARY DATES

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed due to the bank holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May *	Year 5 trip to the Water Treatment Centre in Headingley
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs (Year 6) As these are statutory tests appointments should be avoided for Y6.
9 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Visits from James Nash, local poet, to work with Year 3, 10:30 to 12:00. Sharing assembly for school and parents on Thursday at 2:15pm.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Eid Assembly 9am in the hall (we hope to be able to invite parents to this) TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability for Year 6
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Groundforce Day: Families are invited to help spruce up our grounds (plus free BBQ)
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Week Including road/pedestrian safety (YR-Y3 Mon) & scooter safety training (Y4 Y5 Fri)
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
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May *	Audiology nurses in school to see Y1 children
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. Art Camp run holidays activities here (discount for SO children) <a href="https://www.artcampuk.com/">https://www.artcampuk.com/</a> We have some free places for families in need – contact us.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June *	Royal Jubilee picnic lunch (book by 6 <sup>th</sup> May if not already on school dinners)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Golden Acre park
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	YR trip to Harewood House
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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Y1/2 trip to Makkah Mosque / Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Y3/4 trip to Sinai Synagogue Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Y6 trip to Mandir temple in Hyde Park / Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Y5 to Sikh Temple in Chapeltown Friday – dance performance in school TBC
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: it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities & 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
SUMMER HOLIDAY. From the 25 <sup>th</sup> July Art Camp run holidays activities on our site. <a href="https://www.artcampuk.com/">https://www.artcampuk.com/</a> We have some free places for families in need – contact us.	
<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	

**Design, imagine, make, do, glue, explore and more at Be Curious 2022!** Visit the University of Leeds on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-4pm, for a day of FREE, fun activities suitable for all the family!

Get to grips with what really goes on inside a university with over 35 interactive stalls and activities, a hands-on Tinker Space, Maker Kits, performances, workshops, tours and more!

There's no need to book and all age groups are welcome.

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