



Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week in school! We kicked off **Anti Bullying Fortnight** with KS2 workshops by One Day Creative on this year's theme of using your 'power for good'. Key Stage One have explored the same themes with workshops in their classrooms. We will continue to reinforce the messages next week.

Year 2 delighted us this morning with their **class assembly**. We enjoyed hearing all about their transport topic and the learning they have been doing in class – and beyond! Thank you to everyone who was able to come to support them.



Very well done to our **cross country runners** in Year 4 and Year 6 who took part in an event in Otley this week. They all did very well and competed enthusiastically.

Thank you very much to author **Steve Webb**, **Thoughtbubble Festival** and **Leeds School Library Service** for the amazing visit we won. Steve enthralled the school as he shared how he writes and illustrates his books. It was a great

assembly and I think there are many children who will be keen to read the Peng and Spanners books soon!

We are very much looking forward to the **Winter Festival of Fire** straight after school on Wednesday. This is our annual celebration of the turning of the seasons and outdoor learning. As well as a roaring bonfire (and the chance to sing around it later on), there will be marshmallow toasting, outdoor craft activities and a chance to take part in some mindful reflection in the tipi. These activities are all free. For a small fee or donation there will also be sparklers and inside there will be food and drink (including pizza and hot chocolate), more crafts and a sale of the second-hand/new to you uniform. All are welcome!

Thank you to all the parents, carers and children who helped



Liz  
Craven  
and  
Carmel  
Turner  
to  
**collect  
up**

**leaves** on the playground on Monday afternoon. The following day, Year 3 used these many bags of leaves to work together and create the leaf paths to and around the firepit ahead of Wednesday's Winter Festival of Fire.



If your child is at **Acorn Club** they will also have the chance to visit the festival. KS2 children will be allowed to go round with their

friends and the younger children will go in groups with school adults. If KS2 children would like to buy any of the refreshments, etc. they should bring money to school in a named purse or wallet. (This can be put in the class valuables box during the day for safekeeping.) Managing several purses is harder with the younger children so the intention is that they will all be able to have a bun. We will be buying these from FOSOPS, so if you can send a donation to cover that it would be appreciated. (Either hand to Acorn Club in the morning or send in an envelope marked WFOF.)

Three of the **Shire Oak governors** are also planning to be present at the Winter Fire Festival next week. Kate Wright, Dick Killington and Kitty Ferris will have a table in the hall during the event and hope that whilst parents are enjoying the festival you might have a few minutes to talk with them about the role of Governors and how to ensure that parents' views and voices are reflected in school policies and priorities.

PS Donations of **buns/treats** on the morning of the festival would be greatly appreciated by FOSOPS.

FOSOPS are doing well with their **silent auction** and sales for their quiz social. (Ticket sales close on Sunday.) They have also created new social media accounts. Do join, follow, like, share, etc. if you are online.



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Spread the word to families choosing school places for next year – **Open Morning** on Tuesday!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

# FOSOPS SILENT AUCTION STARTS FRIDAY 7TH AT 7PM!

PLACE YOUR BIDS IN OUR SILENT AUCTION HERE

AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR QUIZ NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 21ST

(WE'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES ON LAUNCH NIGHT!)

### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for prospective parents (& anyone who wants to visit)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November *	Deadline for ordering Christmas cards, etc.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November *	Football team playing against Adel Primary
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Dodgeball tournament, group of Y4 children after school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On & carols 5pm → (St Michael's Church/outside, TBC)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Novem	Y4 Virtual Sessions about Ancient Romans
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Yoga sessions for R/Y1/Y2/Y3
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Yoga sessions for Y4/5/Y6
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Decemb	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden. Travelling by train.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Group of Y5 at dodgeball tournament after school (leaving just before end of day)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 Sports Festival am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y3 this time please)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> / Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> December	d:Side sessions on Internet safety (hopefully with parent session too)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Y1/2 Nativities dress rehearsal to rest of school, am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see a Christmas Carol, pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December *	Choir singing at Headingley Library
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner. (If usually packed lunches, can be ordered in advance)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas disco Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party day, including concert TBC. Lunch will be party food & can be booked
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> December to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children. There may be a playscheme.	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Health checks YR and Y6
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	French Day in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April *	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June *	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.