



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your children have been telling you about this week's exciting theme: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). There have been bubbles and beep tests, Lego robots and rocket launching, wildlife and the inner workings of a piano, escape room challenges to be solved, experiments, investigations and Skyping with scientists. Huge thanks are due to Mr Chris Marshall for arranging our exciting visitors this week as well as a thank you to all the teachers and staff who put together such an exciting and stretching set of experiences for the children this week. Do follow Mr Marshall and his class on Twitter to keep up to date with computing and science at Shire Oak (as well as daily school life in Year 4.)

 @MrMarshallclass



Mrs Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that the cost for **school dinners** this half term is £60 (unless your child is going on the Y4 residential, in which case it is £52.80).

Thank you to all Year 3 parents and carers who supplied buns for their **bun sale** earlier this week. They raised a whopping £90.45 which will be used for extras in school. (Last year bun sale money bought each class their own tablet for taking photos and using as a visualiser in class.)

Some parents this week have asked us about the **Momo Challenge Game** that has been publicised in the media. Although much of what has been reported has been exaggerated or invented, it is always important to think about the safety of our children online. If parents are worried they may find this site useful: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/> and these top tips are always good for parents and carers to follow:

- Ensure they know what their children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

Among the most common signs to watch out for include children who:

- Become very secretive, especially about what they are doing online
- Are spending a lot of time on the internet and social media
- Are switching screens on their device when approached
- Are withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages
- Have lots of new phone numbers or email addresses on their devices



Year One had another special visitor this week. **Curate Angela Birkin** from St Michael's came to talk about her role with the children. Appropriately for STEM Week she could also tell them about previously being a medical doctor. Thanks Angela!



I hope you all have a good weekend.

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PS Headingley Youth Music Festival
has moved date – please see the diary!

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)



Headingley & Meanwood groups for children

Book a taster and join in the fun!

£20 per term or what you can afford

Woodchips (age 2-6)
Saturday 10.45-12, Meanwood Park, LS6 4LT.
 meanwoodvalleywoodchips@gmail.com
 07791 504302 (fortnightly)

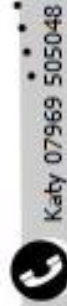
Elfins (age 6-9) & Pioneers (age 9-12)
Thursday 6-7.15, Shire Oak School, LS6 2DT
 shireoak.woodcraft@gmail.com 07970 348472

Elfins (age 6-9) & Pioneers (age 9-12)
Monday 6.15-7.30, Meanwood Community Centre, Stainbeck Avenue, LS7 2QU
 meanwoodvalley.woodcraft@gmail.com 0113 2783120

Venturers (age 12-16)
Monday 7.45-9, Meanwood Community Centre
 leedsventurers@gmail.com



Find out more



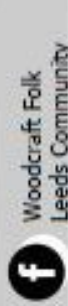
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Weekly groups, weekend trips and summer camps aim to be affordable and open to all.

Outdoor activities, crafts, songs and games promote big ideas like sustainability and democracy.



Woodchips

Parent Led Group for under 6s
 Outdoor activities, crafts, songs & games

Come Along:

Meanwood Park taster sessions
Sat 2nd March & Sat 16th March
 10.45am-12pm (meet Playground, Green Rd, LS6 4LT £3 suggested donation)

Be Involved:

We need a few more helping hands to launch a fortnightly group. Become an adult member, join in to help run activities, collect money and support admin.

Please chat to us about coming along to a planning meeting.



Find out more



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Groups for Older Children

Elfins (6-9s) & Pioneers (10-12s) 8.15-7.30pm
 Thursdays: Shire Oak School, **Headingley**
 Mondays: **Meanwood** Community Centre



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5 th March	Y5 trip to the Discovery Centre
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale after school (hall)
Wed 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 th March	Geography Focus Day
w/c 11 th March	Global Green Fortnight
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 th March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th March	Energy Heroes Workshop in Year 5
Thursday 21 st March	Science in School delivered by Leeds University
Thursday 21 st March	Games Night after school TBC
Friday 22 nd March	Philosophy sessions with the university
Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 26 th March *	Y5 Football tournament at Lawnswood after school
Wednesday 27 th & 28 th March*	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings
Thursday 28 th March	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 th March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Friday 29 th March	Young Pianists Assembly
Friday 29 th March	Philosophy sessions with the university
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Thursday 25 th April *	Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Abbey Grange after school
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 22 nd May *	The Big Sing – Year 6 perform with children from all of Leeds
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June *	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations

Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	