



Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see many of you last night at our **parents and carers' consultation evening** and to hear about the telephone appointments that were held on Tuesday night. It is always good to have the opportunity to find out more about your child directly from you and to be able to share our next steps and targets for them so that we can work well together. Sometimes a more in-depth conversation is needed due to specific issues you/your child may be having. If so, please arrange a separate appointment to see the class teacher, SENCo, pastoral team or myself.

PCSO Sarah Gaines came to speak to Key Stage 2 in assembly this morning about staying safe at Hallowe'en and around Bonfire Night. The children participated well and made sensible suggestions about how to keep themselves safe and show consideration to others.

On the subject of staying safe, there has been a good deal of discussion recently about **Squid Games**. This is a Netflix programme that has spawned a lot of spin-offs. Quite a few children have heard the name in association with things like playing the playground game Red Light, Green Light (essentially the same as 'What's the Time Mister Wolf?') They may also have played versions of these games on Roblox. The problems arise when the children therefore think they are allowed to watch Squid Games and search for it online or watch it on things like TikTok. There is more information here <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

We have two new cases of **COVID** in our community – 1 in Year 3 and 1 in Year 4. We continue to monitor the situation. Of the 5 cases reported since we came back to school in September all have been the only known case in their class so our outbreak management plan has not been triggered.

Our SENCo, Mrs Mitchell, helps children who need some special help with their learning:

- She helps teachers choose the right targets and next steps for us.
- She works with teachers to make learning interesting for us.
- She finds experts who can help us understand children's learning better and then works with them to come up with good ideas to help us.
- She helps parents to understand about their child's learning needs and how to help them.



Miss Hinchliffe (Raising Families Consultant) helps us in lots of different ways:

- She is in the playground some mornings so that parents can talk to her about things that are happening at home or at school. She works with parents at other times too, so that they have the help they need to look after us well.
- She checks the Worry Box and talks to children about their worries.
- She trains the Peer Mediators so that they can help us in the playground.
- She works with children who need someone to talk to or who are trying to learn on being brave, being well behaved or being a good learner.
- She talks to the other grown-ups who help us (like the school nurses) so that they are all working together properly.



Our Inclusion Support Worker, Mr Nash, helps children show their very best at school:

- He talks to us about our learning and strategies we can use in class when we find things hard.
- He uses drama, music and other activities to help us explore our ideas so that we can explain ourselves better.
- He works with teachers to think of ways to make sure that nothing gets in the way of our learning.
- He can help us to go and calm down if we are angry, which also makes sure the rest of the class can learn in peace.
- He is out in the playground to help us play well together. Before school our parents can talk to him if they are worried about their child.



We are pleased that more of our **lunchtime activities** are getting up and running. Lego Club, book club and other activities offer structure and fun for the children who want to attend. Year 4 are making good progress in their **djembe** lessons and we look forward to giving them a chance to perform for us.

Well done to **Year 3** for their lovely celebration **assembly** which we watched this morning and is being shared online with parents/carers.


I hope you all have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 1st November 2021.

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DIARY DATES

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| 24 th to 29 th October  | HALF TERM BREAK Art Camp will be running playschemes at Shire Oak all week. Click here for the mini timetable, here for the junior timetable and here for a link to their coverage on Radio Leeds. |
| Tuesday 2 nd November | FOSOPS meeting on Zoom 9:30am all welcome! |
| Monday 8 th November | (virtual) Roman visitor to Year 4 |
| Thurs 11 th November | Drama Workshop as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight |
| Wed 17 th November | Winter Festival of Fire straight after school |
| Friday 19 th November | Nasal Flu vaccinations |
| Tues 23 rd November | Open Morning for prospective parents |
| Mon 20 th November | Y6 Viking Visitor |
| Tues 30 th November | Headingley Christmas lights switch on and carol singing at/outside St Michael's Church |
| 1 st - 3 rd December | Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood |
| Wed 8 th December | School nurses (YR & Y6) for Nat Ch Measurement Programme & distance vision screening |
| Thursday 9 th December | Y4 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford |
| Thursday 9 th December | Reception and KS1 Nativity productions TBC |
| Tuesday 14 th December | Carol Service at St Michaels' Church |
| Wed 15 th December | Christmas discos after school, Y1 Y2 Y3 3:15 – 4:45pm and Y4 Y5 Y6 5-6:30pm |
| Friday 17 th December | Alive & Kicking Christmas drama |
| Thursday 20 th January | Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum |
| Sunday 13 th February | Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (we are invited to take part in the All Age Service) |
| 27 th – 29 th April 2022 | Lineham Farm residential for Year 4 |
| 9 th to 12 th May 2022 | KS2 SATs (Year 6) |
| 16 th to 20 th May 2022 | Bikeability for Year 6 |
| 23 rd /24 th May | D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC |
| https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates | |



Hal-Lego-Ween

Friday 29th October

2.30 - 3.30

Headingley Community Hub and Library

Calling all master builders! It's that time of year again... Hal-Lego-Ween. Join us for some bloodcurdling builds this October half term. We'll have Lego potions to mix, spells to cast and haunted houses to explore!

This event is suitable for children aged 7+

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