



Dear Parents and Carers

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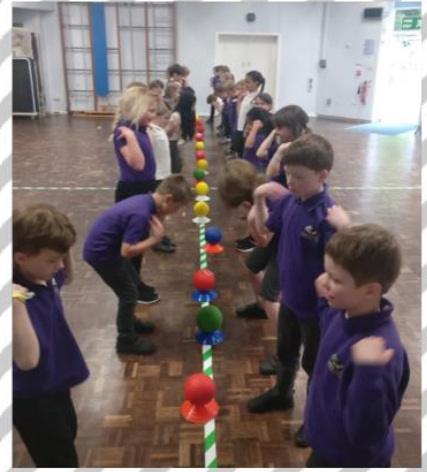
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you for your support this week with the children dressing up, bringing bikes to school, sending in buns and money for buns and all the other ways you help children to engage with the wider life of school. This week has been **Green Week**, a chance for the children to learn about the environment, to cement their love of nature and to develop good habits and attitudes for life. As part of this work, we also have a focus on road safety so that they (and you!) can be more confident about them as pedestrians, cyclists and scooterists as they grow and become more independent and therefore minimise the number of short journeys they have to make in cars. Thanks are due to the Influencing Travel Behaviour department at the council, the Bikeability team, Bike Register scheme, Cycle North, and PCSO Sarah Gaines and colleague for their support in making it happen. (For parents who used the Bike Register scheme you should now have received an email to allow you to set up an account and see the details of the bike(s) registered. If this hasn't arrived – and isn't in junk or spam folders – please let me know and I will pass on a message to get it looked into.



As well as learning about sustainable travel, the children in Year 3 have been learning about making sustainable buildings – thank you Maranthi and SGP Architects for this workshop. Although we had to stay in our bubbles, instead of mixing in house teams as we normally would, our Hobby Half Day saw lots of great arts and crafts using reclaimed materials, bird feeders for our Nature Garden, fit and active skills learning Dodgeball and much more. Thank you to our

talented support staff who lead most of these sessions and to Marcelle Maver for organising it.



Thanks also to parents and grandparents for continued support with the **Nature Garden** – we are loving the offers of help and assistance! This weekend we had a **nature camera** set up pointing at the area to see what wildlife was active at night – we captured quite a lot of footage that the children have started to watch.

We are looking forward to the next half term, where there will be a real focus on **writing** as well as all the fun the end of the year brings with trips, residential and outdoor activities.

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday with plenty of time outside in some good weather.

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DIARY DATES

Mon 7th-Wed 9th June	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Thursday 10th June	Class and Team Photo Day
Tuesday 15th June	Parent Survey return deadline TBC
Wednesday 16th June	TRAINING DAY
Monday 21st June	Writing Week including Windrush stories
Thursday 24th June	Y1/2 trip to Filey (date change due to coach availability)
Tuesday 22nd June *	Poetry work with Andy Craven-Griffiths
Tuesday 22nd June	Meetings for new Reception parents TBC
Friday 25th June	Skipping Celebration Day for KS1 following several weeks of Skip into Summer workshops
Monday 28th June	Abbey Grange transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 29th June	Cardinal Heenan transition day for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 30th June	After School family event including barbecue TBC
Thurs 1st – Fri 2nd July	Year 6 residential to Waddow Hall.
Friday 9th July	Role models in sport assembly
Tues 6th & Wed 7th July	Lawnswood transition days
Wednesday 7th July	Shire Oak transition day including new Reception Stay and Play TBC
Thursday 8th & 9th July	Abbey Grange, Ralph Thoresby & Leeds City transition days for Y6 into Y7
Thursday 8th July	TRAINING DAY – this is the last one to be scheduled this year. We were previously unable to book the training we had planned, which is why this is later notice than usual.
Tuesday 13th July	(Virtual) visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13th July	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 am TBC
13th & 14th July	Carr Manor transition days for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 14th July	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day pm TBC
14th and 15th July	Prince Henry's transition days for Y6 into Y7
Friday 16th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day am TBC
Friday 16th July	City of Leeds transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 20th July	Year 5/6 Performances to school (pm) and parents/carers (evening) TBC
Wednesday 21st July	Leavers' Service (possibly at St Michael's Church) am TBC
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term including end of year assembly
Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th July	These two days will be taken as Training Days as we have not been able to book our training in person earlier in the year.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.	