



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to Reception parents who attended the **phonics meeting** this week that explained how we teach the skills for reading and writing at the start of school. Even as children continue throughout school, reading *with* and reading *to* children remain the most important ways you can support the acquisition of these important life skills. We are currently refreshing the reading books in school to support this important work at home. We are ordering new books and rebanding them in line with the new national curriculum. We are listening to all the children in KS1 read individually to make sure they are on the correct level of book. (Many children in KS2 will have moved through the book bands and be reading free choice books. Please check that they know what they are reading and that they understand it is still important to be choosing good, challenging books.) As we do this work it would be very helpful if we could work together to establish good regular reading habits at home and record these in children's **reading records**. Please do comment to say what has been read and anything that was tricky (or easy) about what they read. As well as being able to decode and 'read out loud' please check whether they have understood what the text was about. The new reading records have ideas in them for these conversations at home. It is always helpful to know what children are reading for choice at home, as that can inform our assessments in school... so if they are bored by their reading book but independently reading Harry Potter – please write that down! I love reading with the children in school and talking to them about their book choices, but they sometimes feel embarrassed if their reading record hasn't been written in for a while. Reading books and reading records should be kept in book bags but if your class staff have told you there is a day that books are changed please double-check they are in school on that day. Of course, we will continue our guided group reading (not at this stage in Reception) and other reading lessons in school.

Thank you to the friends and family who were able to join us for the **Rosh Hashanah** assembly yesterday. This was the first time we have marked this festival with parents and carers and it was interesting to see the different ways classes had been learning about and learning from the Jewish new year's festival.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Reception Class do not yet attend assemblies.
Y1 (Nile)	Josh has been working really hard on his handwriting and forming his letters correctly. Dillon did a fantastic bit of writing, showing some of the wonderful facts he knows about animals.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Noah has shown a real flair for art and takes pride in his work. Rhian approaches her PE lessons with lots of enthusiasm.
Y3 (Rhine)	Connie has a good attitude to learning her spellings. Archie settled into KS2 and is really good at editing his writing.
Y4 (Ganges)	Franklin is producing more work in lessons. Edie B is setting a good example for others.
Y5 (Tigris)	Fred has an excellent attitude to learning and has been using emotive language. Sophie has written excellent emotive, persuasive writing.
Y6 (Amazon)	Sophie perseveres well with her work. Nathaniel is focused on his learning.
Citizen of the Week was awarded to Leilani who was nominated by a fellow Year 5 because, "she has been a good friend to me and has helped me to control my temper."	

Finally, thank you to the parents and carers who joined us this morning for the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Your support is appreciated and I look forward to hearing the total that the children have added up.

Have a lovely weekend.

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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 Hincliffe.

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.)

Monday 30 th September	Y6 rugby match at Woodlesford
Wednesday 2 nd October	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Reception to Year 6)
Saturday 5 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk 12 noon meet at school
Monday 7 th October	Bun Sale with donations by Y6 but available for all to buy
Monday 7 th October	Y5 rugby match at Woodlesford
Tuesday 8 th October *	Pens to Pals launch meeting
Thursday 10 th October	Individual photos day
Friday 11 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 16 th October	Skylar's Missing Note music concert and Red Cross session on refugees during House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 18 th October	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tue 22 nd & Wed 23 rd October	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 24 th October	Games Night in the early evening. All welcome!
Friday 25 th October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
4 th to 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
Wednesday 6 th November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 7 th November	Flu vaccines
Friday 8 th November	Divali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 th November	Bun Sale with donations by Y5 but available for all to buy
Fri 8 th & Mon 11 th November	The Cave drama work with Alive & Kicking, Year 4 8 th Year 3 11 th
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Morning 9:30 and Open Evening 6pm. All welcome!
Thursday 14 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 15 th November	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 15 th November	Y5 rugby match at Richmond House
18 th to 22 nd November	Internet Safety Week including visits from d:side
Wednesday 20 th November	Winter Festival of Fire after school. All welcome!
Thursday 21 st November	Parliament & democracy assembly and workshop for KS2
Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Friday 6 th December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 th December	Bun Sale with donations by Y4 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 10 th December	Book Club visit to Wizard of Oz at Leeds Playhouse 1:30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the morning
Friday 13 th December	Nativity Productions morning c.9:15am and afternoon 1:15pm.
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 th December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking) and Christmas parties
Thursday 9 th January	Open Morning, 9:30am. All welcome!
Wednesday 15 th January	Maths Focus Day and maths meeting for Reception parents (in the afternoon)
Thursday 16 th January	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th January	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 20 th January	Bun Sale with donations by Y3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 21 st January	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 24 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 31 st January	Geography Knowledge Day
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 th February	Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
10 th to 14 th February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Monday 2 nd March	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 th March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th March	Movie Night TBC

Thursday 19 th March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 rd April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 nd & Thur 23 rd April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 30 th April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 27 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 th April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 1 st May *	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 th & Tues 5 th May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 th May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 th to 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
18 th to 22 nd May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 st May	Class and team photos
Friday 5 th June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 th June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 th June *	Nurses to see Rec and Y6
Wednesday 10 th June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 th June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 th June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 th to 19 th June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 th June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 th June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 19 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 th June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 th July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 th July *	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.

<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





Children's Snacking and Meals Survey

Are you a parent?
 Is your child under 11 years old?
 Would you like a chance to win a £50 high street shopping voucher?
 Complete our online survey – children's snacking & meals survey

Please go to this link for the online survey:
<http://bit.ly/ChildFoodSurvey>

Please scan with a phone

About the survey
 Please only complete the survey if you are responsible for at least one child aged 11 years old or UNDER

A research team at Leeds Beckett University are trying to find out about the meals and snacks parents or caregivers give their family at home and for their views on the recent Changed4Life 100 calorie snack campaign (if seen), and if it has had any impact on how parents or caregivers provide snacks for their children.

The survey will run until the 16th October 2019. You will be asked to give your email address at the end of the survey if you wish to be entered into the prize draw to win a £50 high street shopping voucher.

If you have any queries please email Meaghan at M.S.Christian@leedsbeckett.ac.uk