



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your kind contributions to the wonderful display of food this morning at **Harvest Festival**. St Michael's Church have collected the donations to distribute to our local food bank and to PAFRAS who help families of refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds. Thank you also to everyone able to join our celebration and watch the children as they showed their learning about harvest and thankfulness. Well done to the children for their singing and sharing

Thank you to the **gardening club** that started on Wednesday. Along with some parent volunteering during the day, it made a difference to the upkeep of our grounds.

Well done to **Y1** for their lovely **class assembly** yesterday. We enjoyed their singing, smoothies, photos and the way they confidently shared lots of the lovely learning they have been doing already this term. Thank you to the audience who came to support them, including Pam from Kidzone who always comes along to class assemblies and Stay and Play for the children in her care.



Thank you to **Steve Boothroyd**, local historian and Headingley alumni who came to speak to Year 5 and Year 6 as they learn more about the history of the local area. We value his friendship to our school and the children learn a lot.

We were also glad to welcome back other friends of our school – the Alive and Kicking Theatre Company. On Friday and Monday they set up **The Cave** in our hall, ready to transport Year 3 and Year 4 back to the Stone Age. The children have been very positive about the experience and I hope to read some of the writing it has inspired soon.



I hope you have all had the text about **school photo day** next week. If you would like a sibling photo with children who are not in school, please contact the office to book this. Thank you. The photos make good Christmas presents and the small profit that is made goes into school funds to support trips or other extras.

Please see attached the poster for **Apple Day** at HEART in Headingley. We have been very fortunate with the number of apples in our orchard and the school kitchen and Miss Corner's cooking lessons regularly use our home-grown fruit. These children are learning to core and use a bridge hold on a knife whilst making a delicious crumble.



Letters will be going out shortly offering appointments at our autumn term **Parents' Evenings**. Please make sure you get a slot, or ask for an alternative if it's impossible to make it to either evening. It will be good to have the opportunity to talk about how your child is settling in and what their main targets are for the year so that we can work together to help them make the best progress possible. Year 5 and Year 6 join us for these discussions, so please bear that in mind when booking appointments.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

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The weather is very changeable at this time of year, so please make sure your child has a **coat** with them every day. We do go outside when it is raining and windy so it is important that they can wrap up. A cagoule and school jumper/cardigan in the book bag are a good compromise with those children who always insist they are too warm.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11 th October	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 12 th October	Individual school photos
Friday 13 th October	Y4 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Tues 17 th & Wed 18 th October	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings after school. All children have an appointment. Children in Y5 and Y6 are expected to attend with their adult.
Thursday 19 th October	Movie Night
Friday 20 th October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children TBC
School closed until Sunday 29 th October for autumn half term holiday	
Wednesday 1 st November	Philosophy sessions with the university start today
Thursday 2 nd November	Bun Sale run by Year 6 (Y6 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Thurs 2 nd & Fri 3 rd November	d:side Internet Safety sessions
Friday 3 rd November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall, all welcome to watch the children.
Monday 6 th November	Anti bullying theatre show
Wednesday 8 th November	French Day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th November	Y3 class assembly, 9am, all welcome.
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th November	Anti Bullying Week (signing the pledge, assemblies, parent workshop, etc.)
Tuesday 14 th November	Open Morning & display of homework 9:30 am. For current & prospective parents.
Wednesday 15 th November	Meeting about maths for new Reception Class parents, 2pm, TBC.
Friday 17 th November	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Tuesday 21 st November *	Switch on of Headingley Christmas lights 5:40pm with Christmas Carols.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school.
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 Class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 4 th December	Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 5 th December	Dress rehearsal for nativity performances in front of the other classes
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th December	Robinwood Residential for the Year 6 class
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am, all welcome!

Tuesday 12 th December	School Christmas lunch.
Saturday 16 th January - Tuesday 2 nd January	School closed for Christmas holiday.
Tuesday 2 nd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 5 th January	Reports to parents Y1-Y6 go home this week.
Monday 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week (growth mindsets, etc.)
Wednesday 10 th January	Open Morning
Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 12 th January	Fractions Friday (fun maths day)
Friday 19 th January	Geography Fun Facts Day
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Thursday 1 st February	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Sunday 4 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael’s Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	Reading Week will include a dress up day.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February	School closed for half term holiday.
Monday 19 th February *	‘Get into STEM’ (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2
Thursday 22 nd February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Friday 2 nd March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April	School closed for Easter holiday.
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May	school closed for the bank holiday.
Mon 14 th –Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June	school closed for May half term holiday
Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 20 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers’ Service, St Michael’s Church
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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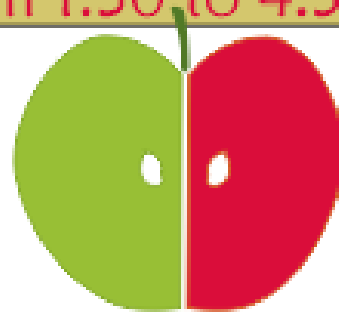
Apple Day

talk on
cider making

activities
for children

community juicing
from 1.30 to 4.30

stalls,
music



morris
dancing

come and join in!

on Saturday October 21st
at HEART
from 11.00 to 6.00

*also from 6pm a family Ceilidh with Roisin Ban
tickets £6, £5, £3*



community juicing: bring your apples
and an empty bottle or two, press
apples, take home some juice....

Or just come and join in the juicing, buy some juice and a bottle if needed

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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)