



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy fortnight! Thanks for all your support for our **sharing assemblies**. It is so good to have real audiences for our children as they develop their confidence and skill in presenting. Well done to **Y2** and **Y6** for their assemblies this fortnight. We always love hearing what children have been learning – especially when so much of it is in their own words from the writing they do in class.

We also very much enjoyed the assembly by Year 3 working together with local poet, **James Nash**. Funded by Headingley LitFest, the children had worked with James to write poetry about trees. The word choices by the children were fabulous and they clearly enjoyed their project. You can read excerpts of the children's poems and a fuller review at <https://headingleylitfest.blogspot.com/2020/01/seeing-wood-for-trees-at-shire-oak.html?m=1>

Also this fortnight was the homework assembly to see what children have been working on at home for the last few weeks. There were essays and pictures, films and suits of armour as well as evidence of children trying hard with their Maths Passport targets, regular reading and learning their spellings. Well done to all!

Our assembly rota has been very busy recently as Year 6 are now starting to lead them by themselves. On Monday we enjoyed Georgia, James and Nathaniel reflecting on the story of The Good Samaritan (ably assisted by some very dramatic Y6 actors!) and on Tuesday Skye, helped by Tula, held a very informative assembly about Chinese New Year. The children had worked hard to think about what they wanted to present, how they wanted the rest of school to respond and which elements of worship they wanted to include. We look forward to the other Year 6 led assemblies this year.



The **gas pipes** near school are being upgraded next week. This will mean that at times access to parts of Wood Lane will be limited, although we have been assured that those of you who need to use the car park due to disability, etc. will still be able to access it. An increasing number of our families now walk to school, but we know that especially families using Kidzone before and after school club may be dropping off/picking up on the way to and from work. The gas works are likely to be between 10am and 4pm, but it would be prudent to allow a little extra time until the works are finished. We knew that the gas was likely to be switched off at times on Tuesday next week and we had therefore planned a packed lunch for children on school dinners. We have now been informed that the gas is likely to be off all day and therefore we won't be able to wash up things like yoghurt bowls. We can still provide a lunch, but it might not be as exciting or with as much choice as we would like. Therefore, if your child is on school dinners and you would like to send a **supplementary snack** on Tuesday that would be fine! As the heating and hot water system will be affected during the day I also recommend that you **wrap children up warmly** with a good coat and possibly thermals under their uniform. We will let children keep

extra layers on and keep them moving around. Of course, if it becomes too cold we would let you know, but we are sure you would prefer that we keep school open if we possibly can! Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to Year 3 for their baking and donations – over £60 was raised by their **bun sale** which will enable the class to buy extras throughout the year.

Well done to the KS2 **PenPals** who visited Headingley Hall on Monday afternoon. It was so lovely to see many of the residents clearly looking forward to our visit. Some had brought out books and photos they thought our children would like to see and some had come downstairs to the lounge for the first time in a few days. The staff, residents and project coordinator have been full of praise for how patient, kind and friendly our children have been on their visits.

Year 4 have had a busy week with a **musical science workshop** on Monday (that appeared to be dismantling our piano when I peeked into the hall!) and then a **health and hygiene visit** on Wednesday afternoon with useful fun, reminders about the importance of washing hands. Hygiene is just one of the ways we encourage children to stay safe – please see the attached factsheet about the online game **Fortnite** for information about how to keep your child safe online.

Sharon Hall and Year 2 would like to say a huge thank you to Teddy's grandma **Heather**. She came to lead a special **art** class with Y2 on Wednesday based on the story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Working in pairs they developed some very lovely pieces! We love family volunteers who help us with their skills!



Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Alice S</b> becoming more confident answering questions and writing independently. <b>Roberta</b> always tries her best.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Rory</b> gets involved well with our topic and has a lot to share. <b>Raajan</b> makes a lot of effort and his handwriting is improving.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Alek</b> approaches everything with enthusiasm and great positivity. <b>Joe</b> is always switched on to his learning.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Amirali</b> for excellent independent writing. <b>Charlie N-S</b> has been working hard to improve his reading comprehension and it is starting to show. <b>April</b> is taking her job of science leader very seriously and is making sure each area's equipment runs smoothly.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Logan, Luke, Charlie and Flo</b> each worked with their group as a team to successfully plan a playscript.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Jayden and Dilraaj</b> for having an all round good attitude this week.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Hunter</b> is putting top effort into his learning. <b>George</b> is displaying a positive attitude and working hard at the moment.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Patrick</b> who was nominated by children in Y3 for being such a good peer mediator. Well done!	

Have a good weekend.

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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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

## DIARY DATES

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 science workshop
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 and Y2 visit to Abbey House Museum
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 watching We Will Rock You dress rehearsal of Lawnswood production
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS games night 3:30pm – volunteers needed to help out please!
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Piano Fantasia trip (as part of Leeds Piano Competition)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	* Step into Easter trip for Y5
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 rugby league match at Richmond House (walking at 2.30pm, kick off 3.30)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 flag bearers at Leeds v Huddersfield rugby match in the evening.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Ground Force Day and BBQ – help to improve our grounds
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you're ready!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar



Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

## PARENT FACTSHEET

# Child safety on Fortnite

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- Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way
  - Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic
  - To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** – although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still use it easily
  - Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch, Android and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets)
  - It has about [250 million players in total](#), and in August 2018 had over 78 million players active in a month
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## What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about:

- **Communication between players:** they can talk to each other via messaging or a headset and microphone. Children could speak to strangers or be at risk of cyber-bullying
- **In-app purchases:** children can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items, like outfits for their character, and better-looking weapons ('skins')
- **The game's addictive nature:** there have been stories of children staying up all night to play, and falling asleep in lessons. Some people say this is down to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and because it's different every time you play

You might also have seen news stories about a 'season' of Fortnite ending with the world being destroyed by a black hole. The game is back up and running with a new world for a new season, but there aren't any more known risks to worry about – the changes are mostly to the look and feel of the game.

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## 3 steps to take to keep your child safe

### 1. Use the parental controls on your gaming device

- Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**. Go to the website below for links to detailed instructions on your child's device – it covers PlayStation 3 and 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch:
  - [Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls) - [www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)
- Battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes, so make use of this natural stopping point when limiting your child's screen time. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20-minute increments

### 2. Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they understand how to use this feature safely. Encourage them to follow the steps below if they meet someone who is offensive or inappropriate in the game.

To **disable the in-game voice chat function**:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand side of the screen), then choose the cog icon
- Select the 'audio' tab
- Tap the arrows next to 'voice chat'

To **'mute' individual players**:

- Pause the game

- Hover over the player you wish to mute and select the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

### 3. Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

To **report** players who make your child feel uncomfortable:

- Select the menu icon (see how to do this for different devices here: <https://bit.ly/2MzbxpC>), then 'Report player'
- On the 'Reason' tab, select your reason from the available options
- On the 'Player name' tab, select the player you want to report, then – if you want to – add any extra information on the 'Additional info' tab
- Select 'Send report'

### What else can I do?

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Take a look at the other parental controls explained on the Epic Games website: <https://bit.ly/2o3YnaC>
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them. See more guidance from the NSPCC on how to do this here: <https://bit.ly/1HpjYgO>
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

### Sources for this factsheet

- [Fortnite, Epic Games](https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home)  
<https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/home>
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<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/fortnite-battle-royale/>
- ['Fortnite chat raises stranger danger fears from NSPCC', BBC News, 3 May 2018](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210)  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](#).

# Shire Oak Sunday

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February we are all invited to take part in the all-age service at St Michael's Church, 10am. Children can volunteer to take on a role, or just come along and take part. Please let your child know if you are happy for them to attend, so that they can volunteer with confidence if they would like a part.