



Dear Parents and Carers

As I started to write this letter Year 1 and Year 2 had just returned from their trip to **Abbey House Museum**. It seems that they had a great time and I look forward to seeing their photos and reading their accounts of the day and everything they learned as part of their Home Sweet Home topic.

A group of Year 6 children were specially invited to attend the **City of Leeds Youth Music Schools Prom** themed 'Space and the Passage of Time' this week. It was an amazing concert with performances by some of the finest young musicians in Leeds who play in the City of Leeds Youth Orchestras, Leeds Youth Jazz-Rock Orchestra and Leeds Silver Steel Sparrows. The Sparrows actually rehearse at Shire Oak and some of our older steel pan players are now hoping to join Victoria's evening groups so that they can continue to develop their skills on these instruments.



| Class | Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class. |
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| YR (Thames) | Dylan is a superstar, because he is always happy to share. |
| Y1 (Nile) | Molly and Frankie are superstars because they demonstrate our Year 1 value – kindness. |
| Y2 (Aruvi Aru) | Asa is a superstar because he is always looking out for others in his class, offering them support and reassurance. Laurence is a superstar because he is supportive and kind to his learning partner. |
| Y3 (Rhine) | Rafi can always be trusted to care when doing a job at school. Sophie shows every day that she can be trusted to go straight to dinner with Enas at 12 o'clock. |
| Y4 (Ganges) | Were at Lineham Farm – all being superstars! |
| Y5 (Tigris) | Thomas always works hard to be his very best. Peter is respectful to all pupils and adults and is a respected role model as a result. |
| Y6 (Amazon) | Roman often shows a mature and caring nature towards others. Isobel shows kindness and compassion towards others in the class. |
| Citizen of the Week was Lucas W in Year 6 who received an anonymous nomination for always trying to uphold our 3 principles: Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Your Best. Well done! | |

Thank you to the friends and families who were able to join us this morning for the **Year 5 Class Assembly**. With just one day to pull it all together the children shared their learning with confidence, enthusiasm and a good deal of humour.

The **Year 5 rugby team** emerged cold, muddy, victorious and proud after their friendly match at Woodlesford on Monday night. Erin, Lily-Rose, Deney and Mason all made excellent debuts and the team as a whole grew in confidence throughout the game, showing great resilience to come back from a burst of Woodlesford tries at the start of the 2nd half to win the game by 11 tries to 9 in the end. Well done to all of them.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

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| Friday 23 rd March | * | Year 6 Maths Puzzles morning at Lawnswood School |
| Monday 26 th March | | Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p) |
| Tuesday 27 th March | * | Our in school Easter assembly with Rev Tony (children & staff only) |
| Wednesday 28 th March | * | Rescheduled Y4 trip to the Science Festival at Leeds University (industrial action notwithstanding) a.m. |
| Wednesday 28 th March | | Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children |
| Thursday 29 th March | | Easter production performed by all of Year 3 and Year 4. All welcome! 9:30am. |
| Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday. | | |
| Tuesday 17 th April | | D:side working in classes |
| 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 20 th April | | D:side drugs and alcohol safety sessions in classes |
| Friday 20 th April | | New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school |
| Thursday 26 th April | | Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p) |
| 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! |
| Thursday 3 rd May | | Y3 trip to Temple Newsam |
| Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday. | | |
| Thursday 10 th May | | Y4 trip to Temple Newsam |
| Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th May | | KS2 SATs week for Year 6. |
| Saturday 19 th May | | Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day |
| Monday 21 st May | | Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p) |
| 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! |
| Friday 15 th June | | Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening |
| Saturday 16 th June | * | Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors |
| Tuesday 19 th June | | Movie Night |
| 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 |
| Friday 20 th July | | New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school |
| 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 | | |

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.)