



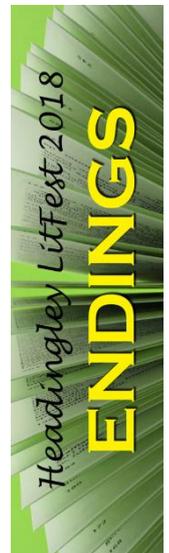
Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely busy week with in school with plenty of trips and visitors. **Year 3** have had a particularly busy week. Here are some photos from their trip to **Farnley Hall** where they identified plants and trees, thought about the various uses of different woods and learned about how to look after woodlands.



We were very proud of Year 3 yesterday when they shared the work they have been doing with local poet, **James Nash**. Supported by Headingley LitFest, James has been coming into school over the past few weeks as the children explored reading and writing **poetry**. The poems they wrote, inspired by trees, were beautiful and well written. Thank you to James, Headingley LitFest, our parent audience, Y3 staff and children for a great sharing assembly

at the end of this project.



**Years 5 and 6** have also been combining a love of words with a love of Headingley this week. Following on from their work with Matthew Bellwood, they went to see how their contributions have been woven into the performance piece, **'House'** about Robert Arthington, the Headingley miser, and how hospitality, power and property connect our corner of Leeds to the rest of the world. Well done to Upper KS2 for their work on this – I believe all performances have now sold out!

Well done also to Year 4 who raised £45.70 from their **bun sale** this week, despite children being out of school on trips. Thanks to the bakers, seller and money tellers.

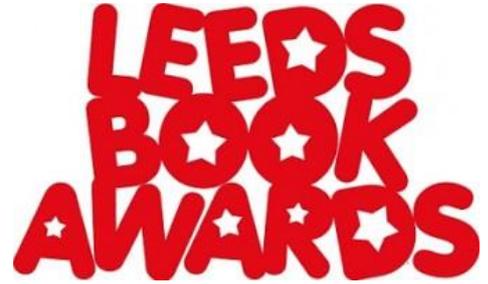




We are looking forward to **Reading Week** starting on Monday. Hopefully you have seen Mr Davies' letter telling you about dress up day on Tuesday (a character from a book or a favourite quote or extract on a top) and about the homework project to make something connected to turning a book into a film. (This could be a storyboard, a film poster, an animation, a trailer or whatever inspires you. No computer or camera necessary, it is the ideas we are after and how you would convey them in film.)

One group of children who are well prepared for **Reading Week** are the children in Janie's Book Award book club. They are busy reading through this year's shortlist and enjoying a variety of books they would not have ordinarily chosen to read for themselves. Well done – keep up the good work!

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Lawnswood School to watch the dress rehearsal of 'Hairspray'. It is great to have good links with local high schools and to see former pupils doing so well in their extra curricular activities. Thank you for inviting us Lawnswood!



We are looking forward to welcoming back **Jess Miller** this week. Miss Miller has been on maternity leave but is coming back to work in school one day a week. We also want to send our best wishes to **Mrs Sharon Hall**, our Y2 teacher, who is recuperating from an unexpected operation in hospital. We hope she is feeling better soon.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for **Stay and Play** this week. It is good to have you in school!

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Zac</b> is always enthusiastic about his reading. <b>Teddy</b> has been sharing his ideas on the carpet.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Erin W</b> and <b>Emily S</b> for always listening carefully and trying their best.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Arlo</b> is challenging himself on Times Table RockStars. <b>Raphe</b> is practising on TT RockStars every day.
Y3 (Rhine)	(out on a trip during this assembly)
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Katelyn</b> and <b>Nathaniel</b> have been working hard on their times tables.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Tiago</b> works hard on his spellings every week. <b>Elijah</b> is working hard on Times Table Rock Stars.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Lily</b> us working hard on her spellings and times tables. <b>Ella</b> has been working very hard on her times tables.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Rudee</b> in Year 5 who was nominated by Alex and Milo for making the right decisions and helping others to stay out of trouble. Well done!	

I hope to see many of you at **Shire Oak Sunday** this weekend. All are welcome to share in the family service at St Michael's Church from 10am. Children will be able to join in with the choir and other 'jobs' in church. Some of our children have volunteered to be in a play to explain the gospel reading and all the children are invited to come and stand with the special candle as it is Candlemas. Children do not need to be wearing school uniform.

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

## DIARY DATES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael’s Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Week will include a dress up day on the Tuesday. Children can decorate a t-shirt for ‘Read my T shirt’ or dress as a character. The author John Malam will be visiting on Thursday. Book exchange after school Friday. See letter from Mr Davies.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	(Early) Shrove Tuesday pancake sale and school uniform sale with book exchange.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February. School closed for half term holiday.	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February *	The Mummy’s Tomb experience (in school) Y6, am.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	‘Get into STEM’ (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Movie Night
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February *	The Mummy’s Tomb experience (in school) Y5, am.
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb & Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Bun Sale run by Year 3 (Y3 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket assembly and sessions for Y1, Y2 and Y3
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and 2 trip to Abbey House Museum for Houses & Homes topic
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April *	D:side working in classes
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April *	D:side drugs and alcohol safety sessions in classes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May *	Y3 trip to Temple Newsam
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May *	Y4 trip to Temple Newsam
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June school closed for May half term holiday	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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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Call your local Police on 101 (non-emergency)

**Always dial 999 in an emergency**

### Leeds Safeguarding

### Dealing with missing children

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardian

Within Leeds District the Police deal with an enormous amount of missing children every week. Every incident is distressing and traumatic for the family involved.

The police are asking if you could help reduce the number of missing children by ensuring that when your child's friend stays overnight at your home address, you have personally spoken to the friend's parent/carer/Guardian to ensure they know where their child is staying.

We want to keep young people safe and avoid the upset of having officers attending at your address in the early hours to find a young person who has been reported missing. Young people do not always tell their parents where they are staying, they may have said they have permission when in fact they don't.

West Yorkshire Police would like you to assist in being vigilant and responsible, helping to reduce the number of missing children with just one short phone call to the child's carer to ensure everyone is aware.

Should you need to report a missing person, please contact 101.

On behalf of West Yorkshire Police I would like to thank you for your assistance with this and let us all work together to keep your children safe.

Yours faithfully

*DS 2348 Carol Symon*

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