



Dear Parents and Carers

After the torrential rain on Monday (serving to underline the disappointment felt by many of our tired children!) we have enjoyed good weather for **sports days** this week. The children made up for the lack of a crowd by cheering each other on generously. Children were able to volunteer for multiple races and enjoyed competing in classic (and new) sports day events for their house teams. Staff have been taking photos and videos to share with you and hopefully your child has told you all about it.



On Tuesday we were finally able to hold our **transition** morning. After a Google Meet assembly, children visited their new classrooms and then went outside to enjoy a first getting to know you session with their new teacher. You should have received a letter on Tuesday detailing the staffing arrangements for September onwards. ↓Here are Year 4 (soon to be Y5!) enjoying a problem-solving challenge outdoors.



Year 5 and Year 6 were honoured to have a question and answer session with **Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell** this week. (This year held on Google Meet instead of in school.) We are so fortunate that she has supported our Starlight topic for a number of years now, answering children's questions about space, being the first person to discover pulsars, failing the 11 plus, the end of the world and much more! If you don't know who she is, I strongly suggest you look her up https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jocelyn_Bell_Burnell

On Monday you should be receiving your **child's report**. When reading it, please remember that your children have missed well over half a year of normal schooling in the last two years. This will obviously have had an affect on children's attainment as well as things like their confidence in some subjects.



Assessment grades have not been altered and reflect the usual age related expectations so you/your child may be a little disappointed if they are not reaching their usual standard. The effort and learning behaviour grades, along with teachers' comments will tell you if they are on track to keep catching up any lost ground and make sure they are achieving their full

potential again as soon as possible. This year it is, therefore, more important than ever to keep children's learning switched on over the summer break with regular reading, real-life opportunities to write (postcards?) and practising of maths skills (times tables songs on long car journeys?) The **Leeds Libraries Summer Reading Challenge** may help inspire your child to read. They say: *The theme this year is Wild World Heroes, and the challenge started last Saturday 10th July, so is up and underway! There are videos and resources if you follow this link:*

[Summer Reading Challenge - Wild World Heroes at Leeds Libraries | Leeds for Learning](#)

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to remind you that if you are picking up children for an **appointment** we need to see some evidence in order to authorise it as such. Appointment cards, letters or texts from the surgery are all perfectly fine. Thank you for your cooperation with this and for the **good communication** we have had with you over absences, illnesses, isolating, etc. Please remember to let us know negative test results too as we are often on tenterhooks waiting to hear the outcome. From Monday it will be Test and Trace that are responsible for contact tracing. Instead of the guidance we have been obligated to follow (identifying whole classes of children to self-isolate as they have not sat distanced all day) they will have much stricter definitions of a close contact (e.g. children who have been on a sleepover together.) From the 16th August children will not routinely be asked to self-isolate for positive contacts outside the home, but will instead be asked to take a PCR test.



You may have noticed this new addition to the playground! After lots of fundraising, we have been able to sign up for a **Scrap Shed**. This will be filled with loose parts on Tuesday next week ready for us to start using in September to add another dimension to our playtimes, lunchtimes and outdoor learning.

This week we have enjoyed an outdoor whole school **singing assembly**. After a year of Google Meet assemblies and smaller bubble assemblies it was so good to all be together (albeit distanced) and remember how good we sound when we all sing together. Well done to Reception Class who joined in despite not being able to use the songsheets or knowing all the hymns and songs from before. We ended the week today on a musical note too as classes watched this year's (virtual) **music recital**. Very well done to all the children who took part and to their families and music teachers for encouraging and filming them and to Susan in the office who makes sure that children's music lessons are always prioritised. You can watch at home too and enjoy our children's performances: [Shire Oak Music Recital 2021](#)

Have a great weekend.

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Love Exploring is a free app which can help families to be active together this summer. An AR (augmented reality) Dinosaur Safari will be on offer in 8 parks across Leeds, plus the city centre waterfront. Each safari features up to 9 dinosaurs on routes of between 1 and 3 kilometres. Families can take photos of themselves with a T-Rex or pterodactyl as they chase around the park. <https://bit.ly/LoveExploringLeeds>

DIARY DATES

Monday 19 th July	*	Y5/ Y6 Performances of The Tempest. The afternoon performance will be livestreamed.
Tuesday 20 th July		Y5 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Wednesday 21 st July	*	Y1/Y2 rescheduled new to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am.
Wednesday 21 st July	*	School picnic day – all eating outside (weather permitting) with picnic lunches
Thursday 22 nd July		Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am (for Y6, Y5 and Y6 parents this year)
Thursday 22 nd July	*	Becketts Park and ice cream trip for Year 6
Friday 23 rd July	*	Last day of term including end of year assembly and Y6 10-pin bowling trip
26 th and 27 th July		TRAINING DAYS (school closed to children not attending https://www.artcampuk.com/)
(Saturday 31 st July)		Wonder Day at HEART. Our children's competition entries will be displayed
Tuesday 10 th August	*	New to you (secondhand) uniform sale (PAYF) at Lawnswood School for new Year 7s
Monday 6 th September	*	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children) includes Scrap Shed loose parts play training
Tuesday 7 th September	*	School starts for Years 1 to 6 and the 10 youngest Reception Class children (they are joined on Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th but the next two groups too.)
Friday 10 th September	*	First Reception Class lunch in school
Friday 10 th September	*	Playday for the new Scrap Shed
Friday 22 nd October		TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Friday 19 th November		Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 17 th December	*	Alive & Kicking bring
27 th – 29 th April 2022		Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
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.		

Wonder Day!

A DAY OF ACTIVITIES,
WORKSHOPS AND FUN FOR
ALL AGES AT HEART!

SATURDAY 31ST JULY 2021
10AM - 4PM

BOUNCY CASTLE • FILM • GAMES
CRAFTS • CAFE • CIRCUS SKILLS
AND LOTS MORE!



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