



Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week and some very tired children in the run up to the holidays in a week's time. Some of our older children have been worried by the **news from London** this week. The NSPCC, BBC, First News and Winston's Wish have all issued helpful guidance online on how to talk to your children about incidents like this that they have heard about. One thing that makes children feel more secure is to point out the good jobs done by everyone who has been working hard to help keep people safe – like the police, doctors, nurses, etc. Knowing that there are many more of these people in the world is very reassuring to children (and adults!) It was particularly pleasing, therefore, to see Year 1 and Year 2 this morning dressed up as **heroes**... not just superheroes but people they admire from history and stories as well as everyday heroes like vets, firefighters, paramedics, etc.

There has been a lot of dressing up this week and visitors to school this morning could be excused for thinking our uniform is **red** instead of purple! (Although the red hair colouring is definitely not for everyday wear!) School Council have worked very hard to organise a special **Red Nose Day** in school with the guess the baby and child photos, selling out of three boxes of red noses, badges and nail wraps, making a basket of jokes for Drop Everything and (Read a) Joke, class activities with bun cases as well as a whole school comedy show with hilarious antics from Reception to Year 5. School Councillors in Y4 and Y5 also worked hard to put together and lead an assembly this morning that explained why we were raising money – with lots of laughs along the way. The full total needs to be counted up, but at the end of the day yesterday they were less than £8 away from their target of paying to send a child to school for a whole year. Well done to all involved! A fuller report will follow in the new school newspaper that some of our children are writing and editing at the moment.

Thank you to the parents, friends, family and children who supported the **car boot sale** on Saturday. (More accurately a table top sale as it ended up all being indoors!) Thank you to FOSOPS for organising this event and for their work organising a car wash after the Easter holidays. As you know we have always tried to make sure that PTA fundraising is used for 'extras' but you will have seen in the news the tightening of school budgets so this extra funding is becoming more and more useful for us as we try to maintain spending on staff and resources for children's learning. It is also good when our fundraising events give children the chance to show their organisational skills and use real life maths skills and this week it was the turn of **Year 3** to run a **bun sale**. Thank you to everyone who baked or bought buns!

Yesterday **Year 5** spent the day at Headingley Stadium on the popular '**Cricket in the Classroom**' day where they learned and practised lots of good skills, including a chance to get some great cricket coaching. They were complimented on their behaviour and attitude which is always pleasing to hear.

The reason **Year 6** are not as involved in Red Nose activities this morning as you might expect is that they received an invitation to a special **Maths Puzzle morning at Lawnswood**. This seemed like a good opportunity to reassure them that high school students (and staff) can also be kind and helpful, that they *will* enjoy the learning there and perhaps even meet some children from the other local primary schools who were invited and will be in **Year 7** with them this autumn at Lawnswood or elsewhere. I am looking forward to our trip there this morning (which is also why there was an early publication deadline for this newsletter and no photos this week!)

We were visited on Tuesday by our diocesan adviser, Ian Thomson-Smith. He was taken on a tour by school councillors from **Year 6** and wrote afterwards, "Thank you for welcoming to your school again yesterday, and **please pass on my thanks to Coco and Theo** who did such a brilliant job. I ... have added a comment on the diocesan database about how well the pupils presented their school, and how dedicated the leadership team is to supporting all pupils, whatever their background, benefiting from a curriculum which remains broad and balanced despite all the pressures. Thank you for all you are doing for your school and its families and staff."

Well done to our **rugby** and **football** teams who have been busy playing away matches this last fortnight. Thanks to all the children who commit to the team by coming to practices and matches, even when there is bad weather or there are other exciting invitations! Thanks also to Ian Martin and Chris Marshall who, supported by other members of staff, give up a lot of time to organise matches and coach the children so that they all get a chance to shine.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Frankie has had a good attitude in phonics and Aiyush has been great at showing one more or one less.
Y1 (Nile)	Raphe is trying to add more detail in his writing and Krishan has been working very hard to improve his reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Isabella wrote an excellent story including super adjectives and adventurous sentence openers and Ubayd worked hard in reading and writing.
Y3 (Rhine)	Ben is enthusiastic and works well in cooking activities and Emaya wrote an excellent character description of Jesus and Judas.
Y4 (Ganges)	Chanelle has done a great job learning lines for the Easter production and Samuel has worked hard in maths and cooperated well with his partner.
Y5 (Tigris)	Were on a trip during this assembly.
Y6 (Amazon)	Kaisha who has shown a very positive and determined attitude and Marcus who brings a quiet and thoughtful attitude to his work.
Citizen of the Week was Molly in Reception who was nominated by some of the older children because she has settled in so well at Shire Oak and always has a smile on her face. Well done!	

I am looking forward to the Year 3 and Year 4 **Easter production** next week – I hope you can join us as they get to grips with this difficult story that is so important to Christians but also vital to understand for anyone hoping to study English literature, poetry or song!

Have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

Reception Class have a blog where they share things they have been learning in class and outdoors. They love it when people visit their site! shireoakreception2015.blogspot.co.uk/?m=1

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DIARY DATES	
Thursday 30 th March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Saturday 22 nd April	FOSOPS Car Wash fundraising TBC
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Thursday 27 th April	Y2 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Please note change of day)
Tuesday 16 th May *	Leeds Book Awards, book club trip
Thursday 18 th May	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 th May	Spring Clean and BBQ TBC
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Thursday 8 th June *	Reception Class trip to Harewood House
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 th June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Wed 28 th & Thursday 29 th June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June *	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* 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 Hilary Whitehead.

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.)