



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for your support this week with two charity events. On Monday it was



lovely to enjoy a treat and a chat with so many of you at our **Fairtrade Coffee afternoon**. Thank you to Year 3, Jayne Corner, Abi Readman and all the volunteers for their lovely baking and to everyone who supported this event.



We raised £72 to support Fairtrade projects and a further £5 for Marie Curie from daffodil sales. Congratulations to Joel H and his big brother who won the Fairtrade quiz. The prize was Fairtrade chocolate.

This week the children (particularly in KS2) have been learning about the projects that **Comic Relief** support and they are joining in this year's Red Nose Day by wearing a splash of red. School Council, their families and some of the staff have been busy baking enough for everyone in school to have a bun at morning playtime. Thank you for the donations and 20ps towards these. School Council have done a great job with this and raised £153. Well done.

Thank you to everyone who has raised their concerns about the **parking and driving** around school. Almost every school struggles with this and although we work with Highways and the local PCSOs to address the situation the only way it will really improve is if the whole school community gets involved by:

- walking whenever possible (perhaps by parents taking it in turns to take friends or neighbours)
- leaving enough time to get to school and find a parking space a few streets away
- never parking on yellow school markings
- asking to use the school car park if the driver or passengers are disabled
- challenging friends who haven't heard these messages
- sticking to the speed limit and going even slower when children are about

We are happy to listen to any other ideas. For example, a walking bus has been suggested and if there was enough interest and support for this we could look at coordinating one. Let me know! Please see the Did you Know box for further information on this.

I hope your child (KS1 and KS2) enjoyed **sharing their homework** with classmates and their neighbouring class this week. Thank you – it is clear real effort and individuality goes into the big homework projects and time, patience and effort goes into the regular homework.



Thanks to Anna Simons for making sure Shire Oak children's views were put forward for the Headingley Plan. ➔



Heroes from Cookridge Fire Station visiting KS1
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We enjoyed **Y2's assembly today** about this great topic. Thanks for coming to watch them!

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to everyone who makes sure that their child comes to school every day that they can and helps them to get to school on time. It really helps children to have a good, calm start to the day and not miss out on any learning.

- Children should be on the playground by about **8:40am**.
- The bell will be rung at **8:50am**.
- Children who are too **late** to come into school with their class should come in via the **office**. If registration is closed, a **late mark** is given and the parent asked to write the reason in our records.
- If your child will not be in school please **ring us as soon as possible** before 9am to tell us why.
- If they are off a second or further day, please **ring each day** of their absence unless the first phone call gave a clear reason for more than one day off (e.g. a doctor has specified an amount of time off school).
- If we have not heard from you, we will ring you. This is to **safeguard** the children in case a child is not in school without you knowing. Please do answer our phone call to reassure us. If you have run out of call credit but have texts left you can text the school to ask us to ring you.

Ideally children will be in school every single day, but we know that children do get ill and so having above **96%** attendance is considered a reasonable target for all children who do not have complex medical needs. Don't worry – we will phone you if your child is genuinely not well enough to be in school but we know that often getting up, out and joining their friends can be a the best medicine for many slightly peaky children. (You can always let us know to keep an extra eye on your child.)

- If your child needs to miss school for a **medical appointment** please show us proof of the appointment (this can be an appointment card, prescription, text reminder or note from the receptionist). This applies at any point in the school day, including early pick-ups.
- Children **not picked up on time** at the end of the day are brought to the school office. It helps us to reassure the children if you **phone to let us know** why you have been unavoidably delayed.

We monitor all of these aspects of attendance and punctuality to make sure children are getting the education they need. If we notice that a pattern is emerging or a child is in danger of being classed as '**persistently absent**' we will write to you to make sure you are aware.

We want to help families to get into the **good habits** that make good attendance and punctuality easier. Hilary Whitehead, our Learning Mentor, has lots of experience **helping children and their parents** to identify ways to improve attendance and punctuality. She can also print out children's attendance records for you so you can look for patterns such as certain days being a problem or noticing when children have arrived so late it is recorded as having missed the whole morning and is therefore affecting their attendance figure.

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Lucas can tell you to "Zip it! Block it! Flag it!"
Y1 (Nile)	Hunter is a fantastic role model for the class. He is polite, helpful and he does his best. Rowan uses computer games sensibly and knows how to be e-kind.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Layton has demonstrated a great attitude to learning.
Y3 (Rhine)	Mia is a superstar because she flagged up a word she didn't feel comfortable with on the computer, by telling an adult.
Y4 (Ganges)	Leon is a superstar because he understands column subtraction. Taal is really focused in maths and writing and Adam is working on a mature attitude.
Y5 (Tigris)	Were fortunate to have a visit today from African Voices who came and ran talks and activities all day to teach the children more about life in Africa, as part of their topic.
Y6 (Amazon)	

Citizen of the Week was **Leo** in Year 5 who has been noticed by two sets of external coaches for positive sports behaviour, cooperation and teamwork.

DIARY DATES

Monday 16 th March	*	Book Club assembly about the Leeds Book Awards work they have been doing.
Wednesday 18 th March		British Science Week themed school dinner
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March		Year 4 Residential, Beverley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 20 th March		Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 th March		FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Wednesday 1 st April		Y3/4 Easter production
Thursday 2 nd April		FOSOPS Easter Egg Hunt after school
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Monday 27 th April	*	FOSOPS PTA meeting in Kidzone after drop off. All welcome.
Mon 27 th April to Fri 1 st May		LATE GATES challenge week. Sheila Stansfield from the Local Authority will be monitoring punctuality each morning this week.
Friday 1 st May		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May		FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 th May		BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May		Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May		Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May		House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May		Leeds Book Awards
Monday 25 th –Friday 29 th May		HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 th June		Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June		FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Sunday 7 th June		Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Thursday 11 th June		UKS2 Athletics Competition, organised by Lawnswood at Becketts Park. 9:30-1:30
Saturday 13 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak (date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 rd June		Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June		TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th July		Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July		Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Friday 10 th July		Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July		Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter

Thanks, as always, for your support. Have a great weekend.

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Holi assembly and Girls' Tag Rugby

Did you know?

That Grove Road will have restricted access and no parking from the 18th March (Wednesday) next week whilst the road is resurfaced. Please find an alternative route and give yourselves plenty of time to get to school.

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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

Carnegie Athletics Easter Camp 2015

Carnegie Athletics is part of Leeds Beckett University and is based at Carnegie Sports Centre on our Headingley Campus, where children can access some of the finest university track & field and sports hall facilities in the country, within the safety of our University grounds.

What is Carnegie Athletics?

Carnegie Athletics provides a balanced programme of activities, techniques, skills and games delivered by fully qualified UK Athletics coaches who all have experience of working with children of all abilities. Carnegie Athletics aims to make the school holidays the most enjoyable and fun-packed time of the year in a healthy positive and safe sporting environment. So, give your child a holiday experience they'll never forget!

What's on offer?

This is a four-day non-residential camp. Under the guidance of experienced coaches, children will take part in a wide range of athletic events. These will include:

- Sprinting
- Pole Vault
- Hurdles
- Javelin
- Endurance
- Discus
- Long Jump
- Shot Put
- Triple Jump
- Hammer
- High Jump

Camp quality and safety

Carnegie Athletics has a maximum of 12 children per coach so quality coaching for your child is ensured. Coaches will be responsible for one group only, which will encourage children to develop their techniques with the help of their coach. The children will be put into groups by age (Juniors 8-10 years, seniors 11-16 years) and coaches will ensure that everyone is

having fun and making friends. It is also reassuring to know that Carnegie Coaches have undergone Child Protection Awareness training and have been Disclosure and Barring Service checked.

Cost and times

The four-day camp costs £56, and individual days may be booked at a cost of £14 per day. Registration: 10:00
Start: 10:15
Finish: 13:00

How to book

Please complete the booking form on the next page and return with your payment to the address given.

Once your child has been booked on the camp you will receive confirmation via email, with directions and further information.

Other information

Please send your child with a drink, suitable clothing for all activities, good gripping trainers, waterproofs, sunscreen and hat (dependent on the weather). A change of clothing is advisable.

For more information, please contact:

Kirsty Mophee
Tel: 0113 812 3737
Email: k.m.mophee@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Carnegie Athletics Easter Camp 2015 Booking Form

Please complete all the sections below:

Name of child			
Age*	DOB	Sex M/F	*Children must be 8 years or over on 1st day of camp
Address			Postcode
Daytime Tel		Mobile No	
Email address			
School attended			
Where did you get this leaflet?			
Health: Does your child have any allergies or suffer from any condition requiring medical treatment or medication? Has your child been in contact with any contagious or infectious diseases, or suffered from any condition in the last four weeks that may be contagious or infectious? In the interests of the safety and wellbeing of your child it is imperative that you disclose all medical information. Yes/No (please circle) If yes, details:			

Please indicate which camp/s your child would like to attend:

Four-day camp @ £56

Individual day camp @ £14 (please tick all dates that apply)

7 April 8 April 9 April 10 April

I enclose a cheque payable to 'Leeds Beckett University' for
Cheques should be submitted together with the completed application form to: Kirsty Mophee, Carnegie Athletics Camp, Sport & Active Lifestyles, Tennis Office, Headingley Campus, Leeds LS6 3QD. Payment by cash or debit/credit card can be done in person at the Carnegie Sports Centre Reception, Headingley Campus. Please remember to bring a completed application form with you when paying.

Parent's/Guardian's Declaration

I support this booking for the Carnegie Athletics Camp and understand whilst the organisers will take all reasonable precautions, neither the organisers nor the staff can be held responsible for loss or damage however caused whilst attending the camps. I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour by my child. In case of an emergency, I agree to my child receiving essential medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I agree to media images of my child being taken (photograph/video etc) while attending Carnegie Athletics Camp.

Signed		Date
Mr / Mrs / Ms	First Name	Surname

Carnegie Rackets Easter Camp 2015

Carnegie Junior Rackets programme is part of Leeds Beckett University and is based at Carnegie Sports Centre on our Headingley Campus, where children can access some of the finest tennis and sports hall facilities in the country, within the safety of our University grounds.

Rackets Camp

This Junior Rackets Camp is for players aged 8 - 14 years. Players will get to experience five different racket sports available here at Leeds Beckett University; tennis, badminton, squash, racketball and table tennis. The Camp will be led by three performance coaches, ensuring a high quality of coaching throughout the week. The coaching team will also consist of assistant coaches and volunteers. Children will be placed in appropriate groups, dependent on ability and age.

Camp quality and safety

The coach/child ratio will ensure your child receives quality instruction throughout the week. Children are put into groups dependent on their age and ability. All coaches have the relevant qualifications for their specific sports and have had a Disclosing and Barring Service check.

Times: 09:00-16:00

Prices: £25 per day (£100 for four days)

Other information

- There are limited places available so book early to avoid disappointment!
- All players must bring their own packed lunch.
- To book, please complete the booking form and return with your payment to the address given.
- Once your child has been booked on the chosen camp you will receive confirmation via email, with directions and further information.

For more information please contact:

Kirsty Mophee
Tel: 0113 812 3737
Email: k.m.mophee@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Rackets Camp Booking Form

Please complete all the sections below:

Name of child			
Age*	DOB	Sex M/F	*Children must be 8 years or over on 1st day of camp
Address			Postcode
Daytime Tel		Mobile No	
Email:			
Where did you get this leaflet?			
Health: Does your child have any allergies or suffer from any condition requiring medical treatment or medication? Has your child been in contact with any contagious or infectious diseases, or suffered from any condition in the last four weeks that may be contagious or infectious? In the interests of the safety and wellbeing of your child it is imperative that you disclose all medical information. Yes/No (please circle) If yes, details:			

Please indicate which days you would like your child to attend, ticking all days that apply:

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Parent's/Guardian's Declaration

I support this booking for the Rackets Camp and understand whilst the organisers will take all reasonable precautions, neither the organisers nor the staff can be held responsible for loss or damage however caused whilst attending the camps. I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour by my child. In case of an emergency, I agree to my child receiving essential medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. Images taken may be used in print/digital media. Please make a member of staff aware if you do not wish your child to be included in any photography/video.

Signed		Date
Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Surname