

Dear Parents and Carers

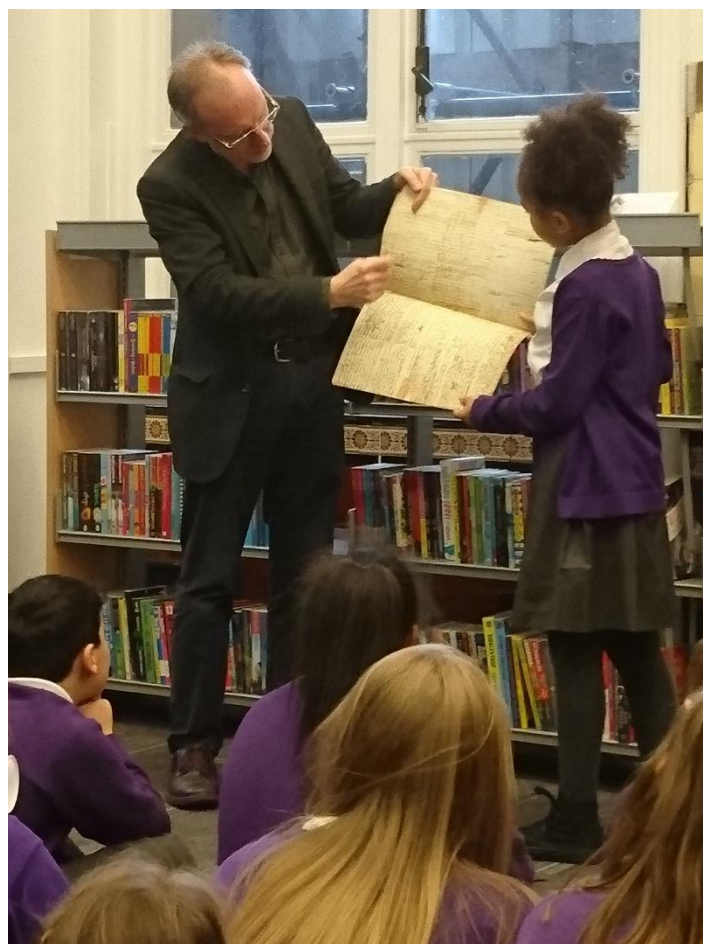
It was lovely to see so many of you at **Stay and Play** this morning. Thank you for coming and joining in with reading and other activities with your child(ren).

Thank you also to all the friends and family who supported the **Year 6 assembly** on Wednesday. We enjoyed finding out about their topic on Bright Sparks, seeing their inventions, listening to their carefully crafted poems and seeing their photos from their residential to Robinwood.

Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 should have received a **termly report** this week. This is a new format (following a year with no termly reports due to the changes to the assessment system) so we welcome feedback on what you find most helpful. Year 2 reports have been delayed due to bereavement leave, but will follow soon. In Reception Class the children's Learning Diaries (their profiles) record the children's achievements and can be read at any time throughout the year.

Thank you to FOSOPS for supporting our **Open Morning** yesterday. We are proud that our Open Mornings are not a carefully crafted show but an honest chance to see the school at work, with tours by all of Year 6 and a chance to speak to current parents.

Well done to Year 5 who represented our school well at an event at **Leeds Central Library**. They launched an exhibition of the artwork they have been working on following their reading group work on the poetry of **Wordsworth**. They had a chance to talk to older students who have been studying his poems, to perform some poetry and join in with the celebration.



Class	Well done to last week's Superstars who were chosen to have their topic work displayed as a high standard for their class.
YR (Thames)	Jorge
Y1 (Nile)	Edie E
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Libby
Y3 (Rhine)	Ramona
Y4 (Ganges)	Lily-Rose
Y5 (Tigris)	Lewis
Y6 (Amazon)	Theo and Joey

We are looking forward to **Switched On Shire Oak Week** next week, when we will be focusing on how to be great learners.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Alisa loves numbers and likes to use numbers in her play. She also continues her learning at home. Connie is very enthusiastic and keen to show the grown-ups her maths skills.
Y1 (Nile)	Charlie really understands how to work out missing number problems. Luke listens, tries hard and makes connections in his maths.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Patrick has been working hard to improve his maths skills. Katerina consistently works hard in maths applying her knowledge to solve problems.
Y3 (Rhine)	Sam W is consistently challenging himself in maths and working at a high level. Elsie is concentrating on new learning in maths, challenging herself and making rapid improvements.
Y4 (Ganges)	Milo has been really improving his learning. Seren did some great carrying over.
Y5 (Tigris)	Simeon has been working extremely hard in maths and is developing his understanding of larger numbers which is helping him to make mental calculations. Frank can use a range of approaches to solve problems by selecting the most sensible options.
Y6 (Amazon)	Coco always works carefully in maths producing work accurately. Thomas has worked hard to show great improvement in his maths and is concentrating well.
Citizen of the Week was Nathaniel in Y3 who was nominated by Lia because he is a good role model in Year 3 and for the rest of the school. Well done!	

Have a good weekend.

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Education and Events Assistants

History & Heritage

We are currently looking for **Casual Events & Education Assistants** to assist in the delivery of outdoor education sessions at our parks and visitor attractions in Leeds.

This post pays **£8.01 per hour**. Training, uniform & period clothing provided.

Availability of work will be on an ad-hoc basis and will largely depend on bookings. The majority of work will fall within the school term, Tuesday-Thursday (9.30am-3pm) between the beginning of March and middle of November each year. Activities will include assisting the Parks and Countryside Heritage Education Officer with the delivery of historical re-enactment workshops and leading guided farm tours at Temple Newsam Home Farm, but there may be potential to work on other sites to help with other activities and public events.

If you have experience, aptitude and/or a strong interest in delivering historical re-enactment activities and farm tours for school groups and families, please contact parkseducation@leeds.gov.uk or 0113 336 7548 for an application pack, or call in to our Reception Office in Stable Courtyard, Temple Newsam. Applicants will need to be over 18. Successful applicants will be required to attend training sessions prior to working with us.

If you are not able to assist now, but would like to register your interest in future opportunities, please get in touch for a chat.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Leeds City Council
Parks and Countryside
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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 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.)

DIARY DATES

Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Thursday 19 th January	Year 4 visit to Lawnswood School library
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Tuesday 31 st January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Vacuum Cleaner Project (STEM and drama) Years 4 and 5
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Mon 30 th Jan – Fri 3 rd Feb *	Shine a light on bullying week. Visiting theatre production on Tuesday.
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 2 nd February	Tim Peake inspired science session in Y5
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Wednesday 22 nd February *	NSPCC assemblies
Monday 27 th February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wednesday 1 st March *	NSPCC Y5/6 workshops
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
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.
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
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.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
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.
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!
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!
Wed 28 th & Thur 29 th June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
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