



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you found the **Online Safety** newsletter a useful resource for keeping your children safe if and when they use the Internet. We will soon be marking Internet Safety Day in school, building on the work the children did with d:side in the autumn term on this subject.

The storms of last weekend took their toll on our building and the continuing windy weather delayed the essential repair work to the cladding. Happily this is now well underway and I would like to thank you for your cooperation whilst this was completed.

The link between **home and school** is so important in children's learning, which is why it was good to see so many Reception parents had watched our video explaining our **approach to teaching maths** in the early years and were able to follow up with any questions they had either on the Zoom call or in person. This week we have been celebrating some of the fabulous **homework projects** that have been handed in. In Years 1 to 6 our termly homework leaflets give children the opportunity to explore more deeply the parts of their topic that interest them and respond in ways that they enjoy. It is the talking about these projects that makes all the difference and whether they are proudly independent pieces or more of a collaborative effort they are valuable ways for children to learn good study skills and build their stamina. There are other ideas on the leaflet for useful learning activities to do at home, but the most important will always be reading, followed very closely by maths fact practice (Maths Passport and times tables) and learning/using spellings and phonics. Please do ask your



child's teacher if you need help understanding how any of this works. (How to help your child will also be a key focus of the discussion at the next parents' evenings.) Children often love to celebrate their learning successes with parents, which is why it has been so good to welcome you to class assemblies in school again. We have enjoyed watching Year 6 and Reception Class share their learning across the curriculum in such a confident way.

Some children in Year 6 who have been displaying their independent and collaborative learning skills are the Lions and Giraffes house team groups. They have prepared, presented and led recent

assemblies for the rest of school with a good mixture of drama, music, singing, prayers and reflections.

Since my email on Monday two children have tested positive for COVID in Y2 and Y5.

Happy Chinese New Year to all families celebrating this week. We enjoyed this morning's assembly where classes shared their learning about this festival. I hope you have a lovely weekend whatever your plans. I look forward to seeing many of you joining us at St Michael's Church on Sunday next week (13th) for their annual Shire Oak Sunday

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DIARY DATES

Friday 11 th February *	Year 5 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Saturday 12 th February*	Leeds Rhinos v Warrington at 12.30pm. Year 5 see email from Mr Martin
Sunday 13 th February	Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (all invited to take part in the All Age Service) 10am
Wed 16 th February *	House Team Hobby Half Day for
Thursday 17 th February	Leeds United PSHCE project with Year 6
Friday 18 th February	Hot Chocolate and bun sale after school in the hall
21 st to 25 th February	HALF TERM BREAK
Tuesday 1 st March *	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school – help needed please!
Thursday 3 rd March *	World Book Day. We celebrate by dressing up as characters, wearing quotes, etc.
Thursday 10 th March *	Year 1 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 10 th March	Y2 trip to Leeds City Museum using public transport
Thursday 10 th March *	Pizza Club starts straight after school on Thursdays for Year 6
Friday 11 th March *	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. We hope to be able to invite parents to this assembly.
11 th to 20 th March *	British Science Week
Monday 14 th March	Y3 visit to Herd Farm for Stone Age topic
Tuesday 15 th March *	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
Friday 18 th March *	Y6 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Friday 18 th March *	Comic Relief Day
28 th to 30 th March *	Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Tuesday 29 th March *	Games Night after school. All welcome.
Friday 1 st April *	Easter production by Years 3 and 4. Parents welcome.
4 th to 18 th April *	Easter holidays (Leeds always has the first two weeks of April)
Tuesday 19 th April *	Back to school after Easter
27 th – 29 th April	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Friday 29 th April *	YR Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Monday 2 nd May *	School closed due to the bank holiday
Thursday 5 th May *	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 th to 20 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
23 rd to 27 th May *	Green Week including pedestrian safety
23 rd /24 th May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC
Thursday 26 th May *	Class photos
Friday 27 th May	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
30 th May to 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK
Wednesday 8 th June *	SRE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents
Wednesday 15 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 17 th June *	Non uniform day (please bring tombola prizes for the summer fair at HYMF)
Friday 17 th June *	Music recital pm. All children who learn an instrument may perform.
20 th to 24 th June *	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week including after school event on Wednesday
Tuesday 21 st June *	Meetings for Reception Class 2023 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 th June *	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community and it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities and other music-making 12-4pm
Thursday 14 th July *	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening
18 th July *	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning TBC Y5 Y6 Sports Day in the afternoon TBC
19 th July *	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
19 th July *	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm TBC
Friday 22 nd July *	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 th and 26 th July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 th July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
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TBC means to be confirmed. * marks items that have been added or amended since the last newsletter	