



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. If you made it to the Far Headingley **Scarecrow Festival** you would have seen our entry into this year's 'people and the jobs they do' competition. We were, again, victorious in our age category and received a book token. Well done to all the children who helped Miss Readman, Gwen Readman and Miss Craven make our winning entry.

The weather has been kinder to our **sports teams** this week. The girls and boys played **netball** at Abbey Grange yesterday with enthusiasm and skill – I am looking forward to the full tournament report.



The Shire Oak Year 5 **rugby team** put in another great performance at Roundhay High yesterday afternoon against Holy Family in the second round of the cup. Following the driving rain of last week, the team showed their resilience by adapting to the contrasting conditions more and more as the game went on. There were strong debuts for Natalie, Jago and Lewis as well as brilliant leadership from some of the more experienced players Roman, Freddie, Theo and Matthew.

We have said goodbye and thank you to Mr **Tom Langdon**, who had been working in Year One. Tom has taken up a permanent position nearer home and we wish him luck. His post is now being covered by **Mr Corey Riley and Mr Dan Smith**. Many of you will know Corey and Dan from the sports clubs they have run or the PE lessons they have taught.



Thank you to Hope's mum who came and led Reception Class in a lovely session of movement and drama this afternoon. They all enjoyed it and learned a lot. We are always very happy to make use of the skills of our school

families and friends. Perhaps you could consider whether there is something you could volunteer linked to Reading Week coming up soon?

This hard-hitting image has been shared on social media by people rightly concerned about the number of accidents that happen in the UK directly outside schools. For us the hotspots are the zigzags on Wood Lane (and children being dropped off on the other side just running over to school without stopping to check first.) The other is on Alma Road where the number of parked cars makes it particularly difficult for smaller children to see and be seen. **Please do your bit and walk whenever you can, but park safely if you ever have to bring the car.**

I have included the slips again for the **Groundforce**/Clear Up day on the 14th May, **Shire Oak Sunday** at St Michael's Church on the 22nd May and the troupe of **dancers** for the **triathlon** (12th May). Please fill them in and return them to school.

You will shortly be receiving the annual parents and carers survey. This is an important part of the governors' self-evaluation and really helps us drive our work for the forthcoming year. It only takes a few minutes to complete and is anonymous. (If anyone has the skills or technology to turn it into an electronic poll I would be very grateful!)

Have a great weekend!

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Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Sam has been ordering numbers well and Jovan he has been writing independently.
Y1 (Nile)	Dilraaj persevered with his recount writing and Fred worked well in the outside garden shop, giving change.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Mayah she always tries her best and works hard and feels proud of her work
Y3 (Rhine)	Logan has a positive attitude to learning and is trying hard to listen to and follow instructions the first time and Kyarna because she is approaching all her learning enthusiastically at school and home.
Y4 (Ganges)	Jordan because he is showing a more mature attitude in class and Noah because he always has a positive attitude towards learning and contributes well in class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Millie wrote a terrific poem about the sea and Kaisha you keep a positive attitude even when your work is difficult.
Y6 (Amazon)	Patty because of her excellent attitude to all her work and Jesie because of her fantastic coding work in computing.
Citizen of the Week was Ella who was nominated by Natalie because for being the best friend ever because she helped sort out a problem with another friend.	

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	
9 th to 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
Wednesday 11 th May *	PC Jamie is bringing a police dog (& handler) to meet Reception (& other classes?)
Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Saturday 14 th May	FOSOPS Spring Clean event at school – please help!
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th May *	Reading Week
Tuesday 17 th May *	Dress up as your favourite book character day – make sure you have read/are reading it and not just watched the film!
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 19 th May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Sunday 22 nd May	Shire Oak Sunday. All children invited to take part in a special family service at St Michael's Church, 10am.
Wednesday 25 th May	Y6 school nurse height and weight check
Wednesday 25 th May	Geography Mapping Day. Includes Y3/4 trip to Otley Chevin for orienteering (TBC)
Friday 27 th May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Wednesday 13 th June	Leeds City Academy transition day for September's Y7
Tuesday 7 th June	Dance Carnival Brazil workshop to prepare for Sunday's performance at the Triathlon on Sunday that will be passing close to school. (max 30 places available.)
Thursday 9 th June	Y5/6 orienteering trip to Otley Chevin (TBC)
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 10 th June	Reception Class trip to Tropical World
Saturday 11 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Sunday 12 th June	Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon passes school – we are performing!
Tuesday 14 th June	New Reception Parents' meeting 9:30am and 6pm
Tuesday 14 th June	Y3 trip to the Mining Museum
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 17 th June *	Visit from 5 Panamanian teachers TBC
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days for September's Y7
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 th June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Tuesday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day for September's Y7.
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day – meeting new classteachers, etc.
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 th July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 production, 9:15am TBC (This may have to change due to High School transition arrangements)
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 production, 2:00pm TBC
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week
Mon 18 th & Tues 19 th July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Wednesday 20 th July	R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Wednesday 20 th July	Y/Y6 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm (this is a change of time)
(Thurs 21 st and Fri 22 nd July)	Reserve dates for Sports Day (Thursday pm KS2 and Fri am R/1/2 Fri pm KS2)
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 15 th November 2016	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Thursday 12 th January 2017	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.



I can attend the **Spring Clean event** on Saturday 14th May.

I would prefer to:

(clean, repair, paint, cook on the barbecues, wash, or other ideas)

Name of child

Name of parent(s)

I am going to bring my child to **Shire Oak Sunday** on May 22nd.

Name of child.....

Name of parent.....

I would like my child to take part in the in-school workshop on **Brazilian carnival dance**.

I would bring them for a **dress rehearsal** on Saturday 11th. (At the music festival.)

I would bring them to the **performance** on Sunday 12th. I know the roads may be closed to traffic.)

There will be further information, but for now we want to get a feel form numbers and who is interested.