



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to Reception and KS1 parents who were able to come to **Stay and Play** this morning. Children enjoy seeing their parents in the classroom joining in with some fun activities and having the chance to talk informally to staff. We appreciate that many parents are working and can't attend, so do not worry there are plenty of other ways to get involved throughout the year. If children go to Kidzone breakfast club then Pam attends Stay and Play which the children really like too. I am sorry I wasn't able to be there but many of you will have seen that there was an **accident outside school** this morning. Thankfully the Y4 boy who was hit by a car escaped major injuries. He does have a fractured foot, but is otherwise fine and has been very brave. **Please can I use this opportunity to remind parents that this is why it is vital that we drive slowly and do not park on the double yellow lines or the zigzags – even if coming to school in a taxi.**

Whilst the start of the year has been a smooth one for most people, that isn't the case for Ian Martin. Mr Martin, the **Y3** teacher, has hurt his back and has been rather incapacitated. We are fortunate that we were able to arrange for Miss Rose Smith (one of our long term supply teachers who many of you will know) to teach Y3. She is speaking to Mr Martin about the planning and liaising both with him and regular classroom assistant Abigail Readman to make sure that Y3 are also getting a good settled start to the year. We wish Ian a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at school soon – which we know is what he wants too!

Class	This Week's SuperStars
Reception (Thames)	Not yet coming to assembly
Y1 (Nile)	Were on a trip to St Michael's. As part of the Celebration topic they were pretending to baptise a baby (doll) with Reverend Tony. Y2 have also done that trip this week.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Madison for being focused and working very hard on her writing and Rosie for using amazing adjectives
Y3 (Rhine)	Robin has settled into Y3 really well and Benji has approached Y3 with an excellent attitude
Y4 (Ganges)	Django is enthusiastic and pushes himself in class and Lola is using practical resources in maths to extend her learning
Y5 (Tigris)	Rhiannon has been very focused in maths which has helped her do some great work and Siraj has put top effort into his maths
Y6 (Amazon)	Rowan listen carefully, works independently and completes all his work and Tilly H has a very positive attitude.

Well done to **Citizen of the Week** Jonas (Y6) who has been mature, kind and helpful in the way he has been helping the new children in Reception at lunchtime.

We are holding a **Macmillan Coffee AFTERNOON** on Friday next week. There will be cakes and refreshments from 2:30. Come for a quiet coffee and chat before pick up and/or bring the children after school for the leftover cakes and buns. All money raised will go to the Macmillan Coffee Morning as Macmillan have recently supported members of our school community.



I hope you have a great weekend.

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P.S. We are short of **spare pumps**, particularly in larger sizes. If you have any that your children are finished with we would be very grateful for them to help out children who forget their kit or get their shoes wet. Please send them in to the office.

Did you know? That our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is called **FOSOPS**. The Friends of Shire Oak Primary School is open to anyone connected to the school. Our focus is on providing events that bring the school community together and help in a number of different ways, e.g. fundraising, spruce up days, speaking to prospective parents at Open Days, etc. You don't have to commit to lots of meetings and can stay in touch via email, if that's easier. The first meeting of the year is on Monday, after morning drop off, in the Kidzone room (the door between Y3 and the entrance at the top of the ramp). There are toys for the younger siblings to play with. For more information or to stay in touch by email, please contact fosops@gmail.com

DIARY DATES

Monday 22 nd September	FOSOPS meeting (Friends of Shire Oak/ PTA) at 9am in Kidzone. All welcome for a very informal planning and ideas meeting. It is fine to bring younger children with you and there are some toys for them to play with.
Friday 26 th September *	Year 5 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. (replaces November date)
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee afternoon in the school hall, 2:30pm, with cakes after school too.
Wednesday 1 st October	Geography Skills Day. If parents have contacts or skills regarding Geography, please get in touch!
Friday 3 rd October	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please join your child in class towards the end of the day, 2.40pm
Monday 6 th October	TRAINING DAY for staff. School closed to children. Staff will be working with teachers from the 4 Headingley primary schools on engaging learners.
Wednesday 8 th October	House Team Hobbies half day, pm
Thursday 9 th October	Individual and sibling photos. Please contact the office if there are siblings at Pre School you wish to have photographed together.
Friday 10 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am. All welcome. We collect non-perishable food for PAFRAS and Food Bank via St Michael's Church
Saturday 11 th October	FOSOPS (Friends of Shire Oak Primary School – our PTA) Woodland Walk and barbecue. All welcome, particularly new families. (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 15 th October	Meeting for parents in Reception to find out more about how we teach reading (including phonics). 2:15 for a 2:30pm start in the school hall.
Friday 17 th October	Year 1 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evenings until 6pm and 7pm respectively
Friday 24 th October	Year 2 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 31 st October	Deadline for high school place applications
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM (Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme)
Monday 3 rd November TBC	Provisional TRAINING DAY for staff. School closed to children. This date is possibly changing to a Friday to enable us to book the training that we want for this day.
Tuesday 4 th November	Homework projects due in (Years 1-6)
Thursday 6 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 7 th November	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November	Year 3 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 21 st November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 26 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Wed 10 th to Fri 12 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas production, pm. (Dress rehearsal will be the day before)
Tues 16 th and Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas parties
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church , 10:30am All welcome
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan *	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 th January *	First day back at school
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Friday 23 rd January *	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February *	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March *	Parents' Evenings TBC (may be Wednesday and Thursday instead)
Friday 6 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.

Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March *	Year 4 Residential, Dewenley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies afternoon
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 24 th June *	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.

New or changed items marked with * (except the first calendar of the year)

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 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 Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)

The whole family's invited to
FAMILY FUN DAY

Level 6, Worsley Building (Leeds School of Dentistry)

FREE ENTRY

Saturday, October 11th 2014 | 9am to 3:30pm

Tons of educational and interactive activities for everyone to enjoy & learn more about Dentistry and maintaining oral health!

- Fill a tooth!
- Take a family photo!
- Play online games!
- First Aid demo!
- Dental Team dress-up!
- Play-Doh dentist!
- & more