

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you so much to Mr Chris Marshall for organising a great **Science Week** in school. As well as a fun assembly to kick the week off, we enjoyed special scientist visitors from Hands-on Science leading a workshop in each class. These were YR: Fingerprints Y1: Kitten Rescue Y2: CSI Biometrics Y3: Massive magnets Y4: Firework science Y5: Elastic racers Y6: Circulation and the heart. We have also been taking part in a whole school challenge to see who can make a piece of paper travel the furthest – there have been some very inventive solutions so far! As I write we are looking forward to today's **Science Fair** with its chance to showcase science learning, experiments and investigations from each class.

Leeds City Council want to hear from residents in Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse, and Weetwood on any issues related to **travel in your community**. This could be about how you access public transport facilities, whether you feel unsafe walking, wheeling or cycling, the attractiveness of a street, or where traffic and speeding are causing issues. Please see the attached poster.

Whilst on the subject of travel, please remember to **drive and park considerably around school**. In order to enable as many families (and older KS2 children on their own) to walk to and from school it is important that we make sure visibility for crossing the road is good and that there aren't any unpredictable driver behaviours! Our children are still learning road sense, so need all the help they can get to practise in a safe environment. I have also heard from the residents of High Wood Court (opposite our pedestrian gate) that parents are parking in their private parking area and at the entrance. This has prevented residents from parking but also from leaving in their cars or having ambulances attend (there are residents managing serious illnesses). Damage has been caused to the grass verge and possibly also to cars. They are considering their next steps, including a clamping service and police involvement, but I hope we can resolve this for the sake of our community without such intervention. (Stay and Play attendance may need more planning as that is a particular hotspot for parking issues.)

On Monday Y6 enjoyed a special visit to Lawnswood School to watch the technical dress rehearsal of their production of **Beauty and the Beast**. It was great to be able to see so many former Shire Oak pupils involved in acting, playing music and hosting and to see how much work goes into pulling off such a great performance. It is always helpful that our older children get to visit local secondary schools before they make that transition so that they can see the positives about their next steps.

Year 3 enjoyed a special **sports festival** at Leeds University yesterday and made good use of the sports hall, equipment and coaches' input. They did well travelling on the bus and were good ambassadors for school.

It was lovely to see many of you at **Stay and Play** yesterday and I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evenings over the next two weeks. (Please make sure you know your appointment time.)

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the treats at the Easter bun sale after school today! ↓

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PS Do we know anyone in our community who can do **simple re-upholstery**? Please let us know!

Hot cross buns	*	Easter treats	*	Easter craft packs	*
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		*		Easter craft packs	*
		*		Guess the sweets in the jar	*

DIARY DATES

Monday 18 th March	Water safety assemblies
18 th to 20 th March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am for classes in school
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Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production AM, families welcome THIS IS A TIME CLARIFICATION
Thursday 28 th March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
EASTER HOLIDAY. School will be closed Good Friday 29/3 to Friday 12/4. https://artcampuk.com/ will run.	
Monday 15 th April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 th April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 nd & 23 rd April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Tuesday 23 rd April	LKS2 Netball festival after school
Thursday 25 th April	Book Club trip to Armley Mills cinema
Friday 26 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 th April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Sunday 28 th April	Leeds Rhinos netball match – tickets available via school
Wednesday 1 st May *	Y2 Great Fire of London drama day with Alive and Kicking theatre group
Friday 3 rd May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 th May for one day.	
Sunday 12 th May *	Rob Burrows marathon St Michael's will be open as a base for anyone wanting to watch
13 th to 17 th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May. https://artcampuk.com/ will run a playscheme	
3 rd to 7 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed!
Tuesday 4 th June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 th June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Friday 21 st June	Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day (children meeting their new teachers and visiting new classrooms)
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	KS2 webinar with Laura Ellen Anderson to launch the summer reading challenge.
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.