



Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at our annual **Winter Festival of Fire** on Wednesday after school. We enjoyed a roaring fire, singing, lots of craft activities, outdoor games, a reflection area and (of course) food and drink with toasted marshmallows. Thank you to Ian Martin, Abi Readman, Liz Craven and all the staff and FOSOPS members who worked hard to make it a successful Shire Oak community event.



Take your class on a real life adventure through the world of addictive gaming. Will your class be able to avoid the temptation of in app-traps? Will they be able to resist the addictive games in order to get a good nights sleep, allowing them to concentrate the next day? Will they be able to control their anger when they lose the game or are told to switch off live play?

This week has been **Internet Safety Week** in school. Years 4 to 6 have enjoyed drama workshops with One Day Creative. Using the theme 'Game Over' they explored healthy gaming habits to understand that internet safety isn't just about avoiding harmful people online. This fits in well with our theme of Be **e**-Kind, Be **e**-Safe, Be Your **e**-Best. All classes have been learning about this with Dave from d:Side who comes every year to school to teach children how to be safe at their age. He is running a parent workshop this afternoon, so if you get this newsletter electronically there is still time to join us at 2:30pm for a short session and time for questions.



On Monday a group of our pupils taking part in a special writing project went to meet their **penpals** at **Headingley Hall** for the first time. They listened to stories and found out more about each other, then collaborated on a creative project. There was music, drawing, craft and a *lot* of patient listening. Our children were a real credit to the school and brought a lot of joy with their visit.



Yesterday KS2 were visited in assembly by a **parliamentary education and engagement worker** who travels the country teaching children about democracy and parliament. The visit was arranged well before the forthcoming General Election was called but was obviously of great topical interest. She followed up her assembly with a workshop on Year 6 who were interested and mature in their questions.



Finally, well done to our **Y5/6 rugby team** who played Richmond House on a very muddy pitch after school on Friday. A very close match, some great playing and good sporting behaviour by all.

Have a good weekend.

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PS See you at the Headingley lights switch on this Tuesday!

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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26 th November	Switch on of Headingley Christmas lights and carol singing. All welcome! Meet from 5pm at St Michael's Church from 5pm. Singing from 5:15 and switch on at 6pm.
Thurs 28 th November	Y4 trip to 'Open Up Christmas' at South Parade
Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Friday 6 th December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 th December	Bun Sale with donations by Y4 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 10 th December	Book Club visit to Wizard of Oz at Leeds Playhouse 1:30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the morning
Friday 13 th December	Nativity Productions morning c.9:15am and afternoon 1:15pm.
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 th December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking) and Christmas parties
Thursday 9 th January	Open Morning, 9:30am. All welcome!
Wednesday 15 th January	Maths Focus Day and maths meeting for Reception parents (in the afternoon)
Thursday 16 th January	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th January	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 20 th January	Bun Sale with donations by Y3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 21 st January	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Thursday 23 rd January	Y3 assembly to present poetry written with local poet, James Nash (afternoon)
Friday 24 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 27 th January	Y4 science workshop
Friday 31 st January	Geography Knowledge Day
Monday 3 rd February	Y4 science workshop
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 th February	Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
10 th to 14 th February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Monday 2 nd March	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 th March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th March	Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 th March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Tuesday 24 th March	Y4 Piano Fantasia trip (as part of Leeds Piano Competition)
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 rd April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 nd & Thur 23 rd April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 30 th April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 27 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 th April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 1 st May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 th & Tues 5 th May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 th May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 th to 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
18 th to 22 nd May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 st May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 st June	Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you're ready!
Friday 5 th June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 th June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 th June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 th June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC

Thursday 11 th June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 th June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 th to 19 th June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 th June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 th June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 19 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 th June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 th July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 th July	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

