

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy start to the final half term of the school year! It has been **Green Week** at Shire Oak and we have enjoyed a full programme of work around climate change, sustainable travel, where our food comes from, a love of nature and how to reduce/reuse/recycle. Each class has had input on **road safety** to help them be able to walk, scoot or cycle safely instead of travelling by car. On Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed **House Team Hobby Half Day** where we enjoyed a trip to the Ridge, crafts and costumes from reclaimed materials, learning about food miles, making fruit kebabs, music-making, etc. This week we have welcomed many visitors such as Sarah from Leeds DEC making wallets from Tetrapaks with Y4, Nigel from Green Up Your Act, parents sharing their sustainable transport vehicles and climate workshops, Liam from Natural England with activities on habitats, seed bombs and more, the catering agency to talk about food miles, Equans talking about plastic use in construction projects, Energy Heroes with art activities based on Andy Goldsworthy's work, Councillor Tim Goodall talking about our local area and then working with Nigel from the Woodhouse Ridge Action Group to explore the great outdoor space on our doorstep. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered or used their contacts to help us put together such a full programme. Year 6s also led a great assembly for school following their work on becoming Climate Ambassadors and this morning we enjoyed a sharing assembly with some of this work children have been doing in class.





Two trips this week have fitted nicely into our topic: **Year 3** had a great Geography trip on Wednesday using maps and compasses well to hike up through **Chevin Forest Park** to the summit and then down to Otley bus station to return back to school. They showed excellent skills and resilience on a blustery and beautiful day. **Year 5** are visiting the Veolia **recycling centre and green wall** today and I look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

**Headingley Youth Music Festival** is coming up soon! The more you can help, the greater the event will be. We are looking for the following items please:

- Raffle prizes (as soon as possible)
- Tombola prizes (on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, ideally)
- Bottles for the bottle stall (These can be soft drinks, wine, shampoos, etc. as the fun is finding out what the bottle contains!)
- Cake and bun donations (close to the event)
- Charcoal for the barbecue (please let us know)

If you think it won't be obvious which category your donation should be in, please label it!



Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out. Recently the focus was on Reading Superstar Certificates.
YR (Thames)	<b>Nicolai</b> is joining in and making good progress. <b>Georgia</b> wrote an independent story. <b>Rafe</b> has wowed with his reading and has been trying hard. <b>Ivy</b> has impressed with her fluent reading.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Poppy</b> is putting great effort into her reading and is making amazing progress. <b>Willow S</b> – it is a pleasure to listen to her challenge herself in her reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Lily</b> reads at home and has made fantastic progress. <b>Gino</b> loves reading and is making amazing progress because of it. <b>Thomas</b> reads enthusiastically and answers reading questions thoughtfully.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Alun</b> and <b>May</b> are progressing extremely well in reading.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Maisie</b> demonstrates a positive attitude during guided reading sessions and supports those around her. <b>Jonah</b> has enthusiasm and a love of reading. He is also an inquisitive reader and is not afraid to ask questions if he is unsure about something.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Levi</b> for working really hard at developing his reading vocabulary. <b>Charlie</b> for reading a variety of books by different authors. <b>Willis</b> for improving his expressiveness when reading aloud. <b>Achilles</b> for working hard on understanding new vocabulary. <b>Poppy</b> for reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Sasha</b> for reading so many books in Year 6. <b>Emma</b> for being the murder mystery expert. <b>Bill</b> for always having his nose in a book! <b>Josh</b> for discussing the different books he has read.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was Aidan in Y5. He was nominated by a classmate for being a good friend and good at sorting out arguments. He is a great role model and is quiet and respectful in class. Well done!	



Attached to this newsletter is the what's on guide from **Headingley Children's Centre**. I am very excited to report that their giant teepee is soon to be constructed in our grounds, with the hope that it will be ready by the time of the music festival!

Last week **Year 2** were enjoying using the loose parts and reclaimed materials in our Scrap Shed to make these great creations. ←

**Thank you** so much to all the parents and grandparents who have supported us this week and for all the work that is going on to prepare for our music festival.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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## DIARY DATES

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Josh Peckett's last services at St Michael's today 10am and 6:30pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Lawnswood transition visit to Shire Oak
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 mixed tag rugby match away at Whinmoor St Paul's after school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS Meeting to plan Headingley Youth Music Festival – all welcome! 2:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Ancient Egyptian artefacts visitor
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day at Ralph Thoresby School
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition visits to new classes
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition days for Lawnswood (extra day available as well, when needed)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July *	Transition day for Abbey Grange
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July *	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Carr Manor induction days for September's Y7 and enrolment evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July *	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC (alternative date – will be confirmed soon)
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 travel planning session for secondary school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 29 <sup>th</sup> August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

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

