



Dear Parents and Carers

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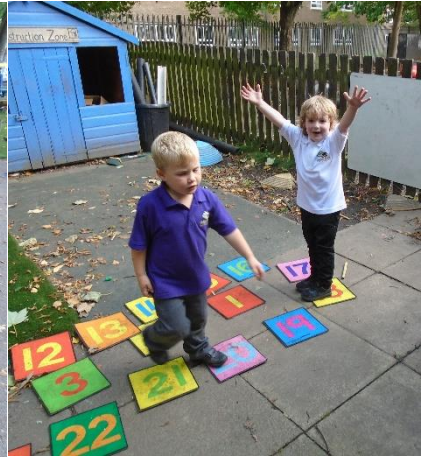
C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see so many families at the **FOSOPS Autumn Picnic** on Saturday. The weather was kind, the children played well together, food was shared and new connections made. Thank you to everyone who made it along.

Year 5 and Year 6's topic this term is **City Story** a unit all about our local area and the changes brought by industrialisation, etc. We were very fortunate, therefore, to welcome back local storyteller Matthew Bellwood to our school this week to work with our oldest children. He is writing a book about Headingley and wants our help. In return, he is telling the children interesting stories about our local area, pointing out areas of interest as they walked out and about and they have started making their Headingley Monopoly boards with much debate about the value of local buildings!



Reception Class have settled in so well they are now exploring the large playground. First they went out to afternoon play with Year 1 and Year 2 and now they are out at lunchtime too, although we have a coned off area that is just for the younger children and the Y6 buddies playing with them. Look how well they are learning and playing together!



Basketball Clubs - Years 5 and 6

The City of Leeds Basketball Foundation (previously known as Leeds Force) hold weekly 'Bounce into Basketball' sessions for Years 5, 6 and 7 at different high schools in our area. The closest sessions to our school are:

Mondays at Horsforth High 4.30 - 6.00 pm

Thursdays at Carr Manor High 4.30 - 6.00 pm

Saturdays at Leeds Beckett University Headingley Campus Arena 9.00 - 10.30 am

The cost is £5 per session. first session free to all new players. Further information can be found on their pages on FaceBook, Instagram and Twitter.

A note from **Jane Hinchliffe** who has been working with us following Hilary Whitehead's retirement this summer:

Dear Parents and Carers

Hi, my name is Jane Hinchliffe and I run a parenting consultancy called Raising Families. I am based in school Monday – Friday 08:30-12:30 offering free support to parents and carers and providing mentoring and emotional support to children in school. I have worked with parents, carers and children for many years and am happy to help with any questions, big or small! Examples could be how your child is settling in, friendships or family circumstances you feel are affecting your child.

You are welcome to call in to the office and ask for me, or if you would like to make an appointment give me a call on the school number 0113 2755890.

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

All the best,

Jane

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Not yet coming to this assembly.
Y1 (Nile)	The whole class.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Luke is a person within the class who always shows good manners and can be relied on to do the right thing. Hope always strives to do her best in everything she does each day at school.
Y3 (Rhine)	Rylan is always keen to show that he is ready to learn and he is getting better at overcoming challenges. Hayley did a great job writing down the answers for her team during the Britain Begins quiz.
Y4 (Ganges)	Rowan has made a settled start to Year 4 and is working well. Lia acts as a great role model in class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Owen is a positive behaviour role model. Ted tries to be ready to listen and learn when he needs to be.
Y6 (Amazon)	Naomi makes positive choices and sets a good example to others. Evelyn demonstrates a calm and positive attitude and sets a good example to others.
Citizen of the Week was Lia in Year 4 who was nominated by her classmates for being kind and thoughtful. Well done!	

I hope you all have a great weekend.

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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 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 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

Tuesday 26 th September	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Wednesday 27 th September	Phonics and reading meeting for new Reception Class parents/carers TBC
Thursday 28 th September	Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning (by Fairtrade/Global group & FOSOPS) 8:30 – 10am
Friday 29 th September	Alive and Kicking theatre group working with Y4 (linked to Stone Age)
Monday 2 nd October	Alive and Kicking theatre group working with Y3 (linked to Stone Age)
Thursday 5 th October	Y1 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am (hall). All welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food gift.
Wednesday 11 th October	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 12 th October	Individual school photos
Friday 13 th October	Y4 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Tues 17 th & Wed 18 th October	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings after school. All children have an appointment. Children in Y5 and Y6 are expected to attend with their adult.
Thursday 19 th October	Movie Night
Friday 20 th October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children TBC
School closed until Sunday 29 th October for autumn half term holiday	
Wednesday 1 st November *	Philosophy sessions with the university start today
Thursday 2 nd November	Bun Sale run by Year 6 (Y6 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Thurs 2 nd & Fri 3 rd November *	d:side Internet Safety sessions
Friday 3 rd November *	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall, all welcome to watch the children.
Monday 6 th November	Anti bullying theatre show
Wednesday 8 th November *	French Day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th November *	Y3 class assembly, 9am, all welcome.
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th November *	Anti Bullying Week (signing the pledge, assemblies, parent workshop, etc.)
Tuesday 14 th November *	Open Morning & display of homework 9:30 am. For current & prospective parents.
Wednesday 15 th November *	Meeting about maths for new Reception Class parents, 2pm, TBC.
Friday 17 th November *	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Wednesday 22 nd November *	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school.
Thursday 30 th November *	Year 5 Class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 4 th December	Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 5 th December *	Dress rehearsal for nativity performances in front of the other classes
Wednesday 6 th December *	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th December *	Robinwood Residential for the Year 6 class

Tuesday 12 th December	*	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am, all welcome!
Tuesday 12 th December	*	School Christmas lunch.
Saturday 16 th January - Tuesday 2 nd January. School closed for Christmas holiday.		
Tuesday 2 nd January		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 5 th January	*	Reports to parents Y1-Y6 go home this week.
Monday 8 th January	*	Switched On Shire Oak Week (growth mindsets, etc.)
Wednesday 10 th January	*	Open Morning
Thursday 11 th January	*	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 12 th January	*	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 12 th January	*	Fractions Friday (fun maths day)
Friday 19 th January	*	Geography Fun Facts Day
Friday 26 th January	*	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Thursday 1 st February	*	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Sunday 4 th February	*	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael's Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	*	Reading Week will include a dress up day.
Friday 9 th February	*	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February. School closed for half term holiday.		
Thursday 22 nd February		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March*		Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Friday 2 nd March	*	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	*	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	*	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Friday 16 th March	*	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 28 th March	*	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	*	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday.		
Wednesday 18 th April	*	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	*	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 27 th April	*	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	*	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.		
Mon 14 th –Fri 18 th May	*	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Tuesday 22 nd May	*	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May	*	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday		
Saturday 9 th June	*	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	*	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	*	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	*	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 20 th June		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	*	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June	*	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	*	Transition day
Monday 9 th July	*	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July	*	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	*	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	*	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July	*	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	*	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	*	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Tuesday 24 th July	*	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 th July	*	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change		

