

Dear Parents and Carers

What a great week! For many, I am sure, the highlight will have been watching Reception Class perform their **Tiptoe Nativity** and Year 1 and 2 perform their **Knock, Knock Nativity**. The children sang, spoke and acted beautifully and with real enthusiasm for the story they were telling. Great teamwork! Thank you to all the staff who rehearsed and prepared them and to all the adults who came to watch them and helped with finding costumes and props.

This week Dave from **d:side** has been in school making sure the children are being regularly reminded about safe and age appropriate choices to make when they are online.

Book Club have been spending some of their lunchtimes reading Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. They were treated this week to a trip to Leeds Playhouse to watch the Christmas production of the book. It sounds like they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came out raving about what they had watched. Thank you so much to Janie for running book club and for making this trip possible.



curling and football. Once again students and lecturers at the University commented on what a joy it had been for them to work with such a brilliant set of children. A great morning for all!

Well done to children from choir who went to sing for the patients and staff at **Wheatfields Hospice** this week. They really brought Christmas joy with them and their efforts were greatly appreciated.



Last week Children from Y3 enjoyed the first of this year's indoor **sports festivals** hosted by Leeds University students at the Edge sports centre. After a short journey together on the service bus from Headingley where members of the public commented at how impressed they were with the children's sensible behaviour, the class walked

down to the Edge and took part in a carousel of 4 different activities inspired by badminton, volleyball,



As well as all of this, the children have been doing end of term and end of unit assessments and finishing off the learning in their autumn term topics. We are looking forward to listening to the **Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band** this afternoon to round off the week. On a musical note, do see the advertisement below for a special concert. Tickets for under 18s are free so it could be a lovely family outing.

Next week is a busy week too and I have tried to summarise some of it below to help with families preparing.

Day	What's on	Notes
Monday	Choir singing in the tipi for Headingley Library in the morning	Sorted out in school
	Choir singing for families in the playground unless it is raining hard.	Singing from 3:05. They will have their coats and bags so can be picked up when they stop singing (c.3:25pm)
Tuesday	Carol Service at St Michael's Church	All welcome – we will start at 10:30 or just before.
	School Christmas lunch	Lunches have been ordered, but all children take part and can have a festive packed lunch.
Wednesday	FOSOPS Christmas discos & movie night Reception – in classroom 3:45 – 4:45 Y1 Y2 Y3 – in hall 3:45 – 4:45 Y4 Y5 Y6 – in hall 5:00 – 6:00	Children at Acorn Club can get changed there (clothes in closed, named bag please), all other children to leave site before coming back please.
Thursday	Christmas party day, including party lunch and music concerts by Chestra.	Lunches have been ordered, but children with packed lunches can bring more treats than usual. Children can wear festive clothes, such as a Christmas jumper (if they already have one – don't buy a new one!) or Christmassy colours or something they like to wear. Clothes should still be suitable for indoor and outdoor learning/play and have sensible footwear.
Friday	Last day of term	Please help children to remember to bring home their PE kits and water bottles to get a good wash.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS FOSOPS say thank you for the donations of **raffle prizes**, but it isn't too late to send them in at the start of next week too as they will be drawing the raffle at the disco on Wednesday.



DIARY DATES

Monday 15 th December	Choir singing for Headingley Library party – relocated to our tipi due to building work!
Tuesday 16 th December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 th December	School Christmas dinner.
Wed 17 th December	Christmas disco & movie time. Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas party day, including concerts by Chestra. Lunch will be party food & can be booked. This is the day children can wear Christmas jumpers, etc. but they don't have to!
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
22 nd December to 2 nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children.	
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 th January	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 16 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
20 th – 22 nd January	Year 3 working with local poet, James Nash
Thursday 22 nd January	Special poetry assembly for Y3 parents, 2:30pm
Friday 23 rd January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 27 th January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Friday 30 th January	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families. Lunar New Year theme.
Monday 2 nd February	Health checks YR and Y6
Tuesday 3 rd February *	Reception Class pizza-making trip (TBC)
Tuesday 3 rd February	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Wednesday 4 th February	Reception Class maths meeting 2:15pm online (TBC)
Friday 6 th February	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 th February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Tuesday 10 th February	Fire Safety Visit to Year 5
Thursday 12 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
16 th to 20 th February HALF TERM	School closed to children. There will be an activity club running at Shire Oak.
Wednesday 25 th February	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6.
Friday 27 th February	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2 families.
Sunday 1 st March	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am TBC
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
7 th to 16 th March	British Science Week (we extend this for the fortnight)
Wednesday 11 th March	French Day in school
Monday 16 th March	Y6 Pizza Club starts (which day TBC)
16 th - 20 th March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 18 th March	Virtual Reality workshops
Thursday 19 th March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! TBC
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 rd March	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
23 rd March onwards	Class visits to St Michael's to explore Easter story begin
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents and Carers' Evening (appointments this week or next week)
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
Wednesday 1 st April	Parents and Carers' Evening.
Thursday 2 nd April	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
3 rd to 17 th April EASTER HOLIDAY	School closed to children. There will be an activity club running at Shire Oak.
22 nd and 23 rd April	D:Side workshops about medicines, drugs and alcohol safety
Friday 24 th April	Vaisakhi Assembly 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 1 st May	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
7 th to 8 th May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 th May	Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c 11 th May	KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
Wednesday 10 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.

Friday 12 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Friday 26 th June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school

TERM DATES: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates>

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



Headingley Library
Festive Story and Rhyme time
Monday 15 December
The Tipi, Shire Oak Primary School
10.30am – 11.30am

Join us for Festive Story and Rhyme time with a special visit from Santa.

Christmas Choir – enjoy listening to children from Shire Oak Primary school singing festive songs.

Free event for under 5's. No booking required.

Refreshments provided, including mince pies.



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