

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for a good half term! It has been great to hear about the conversations at parents' evenings that strengthen cooperation between school and home.

This morning we enjoyed a **Divali assembly** with work from children across school who have been learning about this festival. It is always good to share children's learning about and from the different religions represented in our community. Happy Divali to everyone who celebrated this week!

If you have a child in Year 6, please remember that the deadline for applying for **secondary school places** is the 31st October!

Congratulations to our Reception teacher, Beth Dalton, who gave birth to a lovely **baby girl** last weekend. We are so pleased she has arrived safely. The children in Reception were very excited when Miss Garcia shared the news with them.

We now wave goodbye to our **pop-up pool** after an exciting few weeks of daily swimming at Shire Oak. The progress made has been phenomenal and to see all of KS2 (and Y2) swimming has been a joy. We have been very pleased with how the trial has gone and we very much hope that we can partner with other local schools to make it an annual event.

There is an advert below for **Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band**. They are always on the lookout for new players and are now augmenting their ensemble by inviting **string** players to join them. If your child plays the violin (or brass/wind/percussion) and would be interested – do let me or Joelle know!

We finish this half term with a **football match** tonight against Weetwood (using the pitch at Lawnswood School) and a **bun sale** by Year 2 families. I hope you all have a great half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

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PS We received this lovely message after the Y3 visit to Harlow Carr.

Thank you very much for your school's donation to the Royal Horticultural Society.

This money will go towards the running costs of the Education Programme here at Harlow Carr. Your kind donation will help us continue to enthuse young people about plants and the environment as well as helping to inspire the next generation of gardeners.

Donations are critically important to the RHS because, quite simply, we are engaging in more work now than at any other time in our 200-year history. As a registered charity, we rely heavily on our income channels to help secure a future for gardens and gardening, and advance our charitable campaigns – growing our Campaign for School Gardening; engaging communities through Britain in Bloom; developing our Gardens; furthering research into pest and diseases affecting gardeners today – to name but a few.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the work of the Royal Horticultural Society? I very much hope that your school enjoyed their visit and that we will have the pleasure of welcoming you back to Harlow Carr in the future.



DIARY DATES

Friday 24 th October	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
HALF TERM 27 th to 31 st October. School closed to children. Art Camp UK will be running a playscheme on site.	
Tuesday 4 th November	Individual and sibling photos today
Tuesday 4 th November *	Deadline for ordering Steve Webb books
Wednesday 5 th November	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. Families welcome.
Thursday 6 th November	Y6 Viking workshop in Year 6
Friday 7 th November	Y3 Class Assembly. 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 7 th November *	Online fantasy genre author visit: Katie & Kevin Tsang + illustrator Viviane Schwarz
Friday 7 th November *	FOSOPS meeting to plan refreshments, etc. for Winter Festival of Fire. 2pm
Monday 10 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight begins. KS2 drama workshops today
Tuesday 11 th November	An act of Remembrance held today
Friday 14 th November	Y2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November *	Steve Webb author visit am
Tuesday 18 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (& anyone who wants to visit)
Wed 19 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Monday 24 th November	Dodgeball tournament, group of Y4 children after school
Tuesday 25 th November	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On & carols 5pm→ (St Michael's Church/outside, TBC)
Tues 25 th -Thurs 27 th Novem	Y4 Virtual Sessions about Ancient Romans
Thursday 27 th November	Yoga sessions for R/Y1/Y2/Y3
Friday 28 th November	Yoga sessions for Y4/5/Y6
Mon 1 st - Wed 3 rd Decemb	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood, Todmorden. Travelling by train.
Monday 1 st December	Group of Y5 at dodgeball tournament after school (leaving just before end of day)
Thursday 4 th December *	Y3 Sports Festival am
Friday 5 th December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 5 th December	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y3 this time please)
Mon 8 th / Tues 9 th December	d:Side sessions on Internet safety (hopefully with parent session too)
Wed 10 th December	Reception and Y1/2 Nativities dress rehearsal to rest of school, am
Thursday 11 th December	Reception Class Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Thursday 11 th December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see a Christmas Carol, pm
Friday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents and carers at the start of the day
Tuesday 16 th December	Carol Service @ St Michael's Church c. 10:30am All welcome
Tuesday 16 th December	School Christmas dinner. (If usually packed lunches, can be ordered in advance)
Wed 17 th December	Christmas disco Younger children 3:45-4:45pm. Older children 5-6pm.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas party day, including concert TBC. Lunch will be party food & can be booked
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
22 nd December to 2 nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY School closed to children. There may be a playscheme.	
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens.
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 16 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y4 this time please)
Tuesday 27 th January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children
Monday 9 th February	Canals and Rivers Trust water safety sessions
Friday 13 th February	Pancake Sale after school (Shrove Tuesday in half term)
Monday 2 nd February	Health checks YR and Y6
Thursday 19 th March *	Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 rd March *	Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
w/c 18 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 22 nd May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
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.



FOOSOPS QUIZ NIGHT

**TICKETS NOW
ON SALE!**

**HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
AND MEET OTHER PARENTS**

**£20 PER PERSON ENTRY
(WELCOME DRINK & FOOD INC)**

**ADDITIONAL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED - ANYTHING
ABOVE £20 QUALIFIES FOR GIFT AID!**

**TEXT CLAIRE (Y5) ON 07535877165 WITH THE
NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU WISH TO BUY**

BUY FOR YOURSELF, A WHOLE TEAM OR JUST A FEW PEOPLE

**ONE STEP AHEAD, MEANWOOD, LS7 2HG
FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER | 7 - LATE
BAR - BEER, WINES, SOFTS & ALCOHOL FREE**

