



Dear Parents and Carers

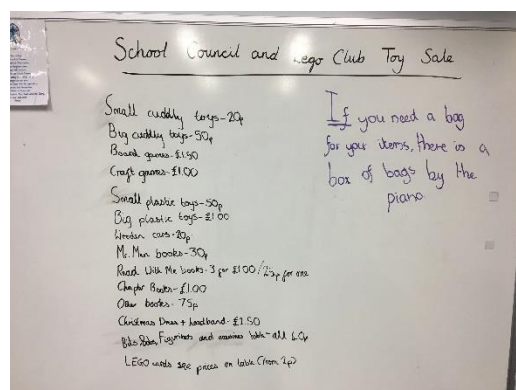
Even though it was only a four day week (for the children) it was still a busy one. Thank you to everyone that joined us on Monday for our special **assembly** to mark the **Birthday of Guru Nanak**. It is always good to share our learning about and from the different religions in our community and spend time singing and celebrating together. Year One did just that on Thursday afternoon when they visited St Michael's Church to learn about how many Christians welcome babies into the church by acting out their own baptism with the class dolly. Thank you Reverend Tony, and proud Y1 parents and godparents.



Year 4 enjoyed a morning on **Woodhouse Ridge** this week, working with Dave (one of the Leeds rangers). Despite the wind and rain they had a great time and not one complaint was heard. As well as the cross-curricular activities they enjoyed on the day, they have been writing about their experiences back in school too.

Well done to **School Council** who, along with the Lego Club monitors, ran a very successful **toy sale** after school yesterday. They raised £62.18 which they are

going to add to School Council funds for things like playground equipment and even make a donation to the party for families of neonatal babies. Thanks also to everyone who sent in donations of decorations, presents or money for the charity. The children were too busy to take photographs, but this price list shows some of the organisation that went into the event that was run entirely by the children themselves. The **Lego Card** sale was so successful that Lego Club monitors are going to trial and swapping them after school in the covered quiet area outside the Community Room. With prices as low as 2p this should be a popular way to complete the sets that many of our children are collecting.



This Tuesday our training day was spent working together (and with other local great teachers) on developing our **teaching and learning of writing**. It was a very useful day and I have already seen staff trying out some of the ideas that were generated. Christmas can create lots of opportunities to write for a real purpose at home, so please encourage your children to write to Father Christmas, send thank you cards, make party invitations, write lists of presents received, write Christmas cards, etc. Great examples can be brought in to school to share!

Class	Well done to recent Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Rocco</b> always reads at home and has been learning his sounds too. <b>Jake</b> reads at home with a grown-up and is making really good progress.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Arthur</b> works hard on his reading at home and at school – fantastic! <b>Oliver Sch</b> reads with enthusiasm and enjoys reading with different people.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	<b>Amber</b> and <b>Nina</b> have both settled into Year 2 really well. <b>Emily K</b> works hard on her reading at home and school – wonderful!
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Rose</b> always tries to read her books at home and is happy to tell the staff which ones she has enjoyed.
Y4 (Ganges)	Were on a trip
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Mayah</b> thinks really carefully about what she is reading and enjoys reading for pleasure. <b>Sophie</b> is such a keen reader and is enjoying reading for pleasure.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Samuel</b> actively finds books he is interested in to read at home. <b>Ruby</b> has branched out her reading at home and is challenging herself with a variety of authors.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Edwin</b> . He was nominated for helping <b>Jesse</b> with the computer.	

I hope you have a great weekend.

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PS Well done to our **football team** who played well and impressed the talent scouts on Wednesday. Match reports to follow!

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 Hincliffe.

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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com) Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)

LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# The Winter Festival

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2018  
6.30-8.30PM

Tickets:

Adult: £3 Student/Concession: £2 Under 3's Free

Come and join us for wonderful winter food, delicious drinks, creative craft stalls and performances throughout the evening!

Tickets available from the Music Office F47 or by contacting Mrs Rushton at:  
[rachel.rushton@elawnswood.co.uk](mailto:rachel.rushton@elawnswood.co.uk)

### DIARY DATES

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	*	School football team playing away at Bramhope after school
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December		Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	*	Y3 poetry assembly with James Nash. Y3 friends and family welcome.
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> December		Book Club trip to the theatre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December		Bun Sale with donations by Year 5 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		Book Club trip
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December		Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning (c. 9:30) and afternoon (c. 1:30) (FOSOPS refreshments)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Carol singing at Wheatfield's Hospice
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		School Christmas lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	*	Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor. Children may wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas colours or anything they consider festive. We will take a collection for Save the Children.
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 19		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January		Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January		Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January		Maths Focus Day including Puzzles afternoon for Y6 by Lawnswood staff
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January		Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January		Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January		Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February		Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February		Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 <sup>th</sup> & Escape Rooms on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March		Geography Focus Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March		Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March		Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	*	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March -Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April		EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> /Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April		Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April		Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June		Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June		SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6

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Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of year celebrations (
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

# Christmas Fayre

Santa's grotto, photobooth,  
facepainting stalls, raffle and crafts



Sunday 9th December

10.30am ~ 12pm

Refreshments available

📍 St Stephen's Church Hall

