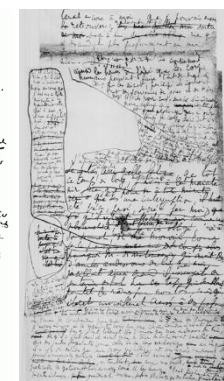
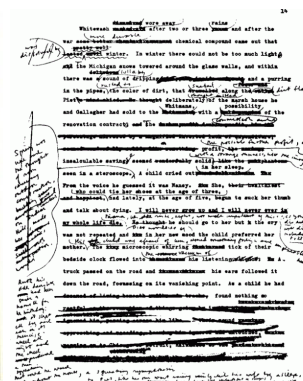
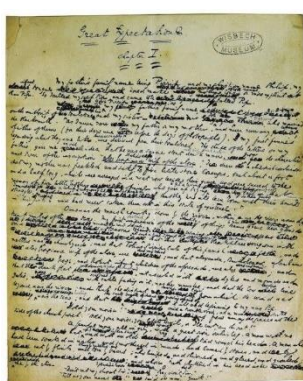
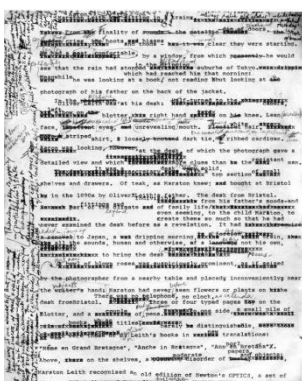
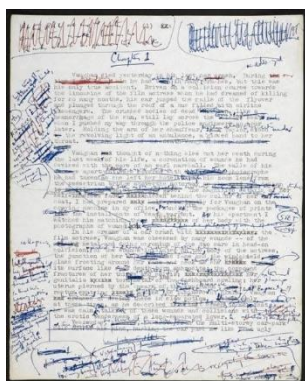




Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! It has been lovely hearing the children's news and how much they enjoyed spending time with family and friends this Christmas. Many of them are proud of the reading, Lego, writing, maths practice, science (slime) sets they have played and worked with this holiday.

We have started our new term with **Switched On Shire Oak Fortnight**. At the start of January we like to remind children that we are working on developing growth mindsets and rejecting fixed mindsets that think that intelligence can't be improved and that mistakes are a sign of failure. We have been **reading** some of the many great books that help children to think about this topic (like *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes* and *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain*). We have also been looking at the work of famous authors. Our children like their work to look good and this can sometimes get in the way of them editing and redrafting their **writing**. We are trying to stress that, although we take pride in our work and use a good handwriting style so that others can read it and so that it is efficient and helps us to spell well, it doesn't mean our first attempt has to be our best attempt. They were fairly disgusted with these drafts of famous novels – and very surprised that J K Rowling rewrote the start of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* 15 times. (Which is fortunate, as the character of Hermione Puckle does not sound as good!) We don't expect children to write something 15 times, but we do want them to take on board constructive criticism and to look critically at their own work, refining it as they do so. In order to help with this some classes are experimenting with Editing Stations and others are leaving every other page blank in their exercise books so there is room for redrafting. Other groups are writing on every other line. Look out for this on parents' evening!



Year 6 certainly demonstrated growth mindsets when they went to Robinwood on their residential in December. They refer to the 'stretch zone' where they tried things they didn't think they were capable of. We were very pleased to see and hear all about it this morning in their class assembly. Thank you Year 6 and thank you to the family and friends who were able to watch them.

This week parents of children in Years 1 to 6 should have received their **termly report** and an attendance report. Please do ask to see your child's teacher if there is any of it that does not make sense or is particularly surprising. Similarly, if your child's attendance is sliding towards the low 90s, then do please arrange to see Jane Hincliffe to discuss strategies for improving attendance or to explore some of the reasons for the absences. We want to help!

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that the cost for **school dinners** in KS2 this half term is £69.60. She has also included an early draft of **next year's school calendar** so that nobody can get caught out with late breaking up for Christmas or the fixed spring break not being around Easter. (We will send it out later in the year as well, along with the proposed training days.)

Also this week a letter went out to Years 4, 5 and 6 for a new **Combined Headingley and Kirkstall Concert Band** starting here at Shire Oak next week. It is open to Y3 musicians too, if they already play brass or woodwind – ask at the office for a letter, or see me. We are looking forward to enhancing our extra-curricular music offer.

Speaking of music – this is a wonderful opportunity not to be missed!



Every year Leeds Symphony Orchestra performs an **annual concert for children**, tailored to the 7-13 age group. This year's concert is being given on Saturday, January 19th, 2019 at 3:00 PM at Horsforth School, Lee Lane East, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5RF. There is **no charge for entry** to the concert (costs are covered through a legacy to the orchestra for holding such concerts from Tom Oram, a player who was a member of the orchestra between 1931 and 2000!). Horsforth School is easy to access and has plentiful parking. The concert will end at 4:30.

The opportunity for children to see a full symphony orchestra in action is comparatively rare, and the experience of it far exceeds seeing one on TV or listening to a recording. The music being performed is carefully chosen to be accessible for younger people, and includes music from films and television and well-known classics. This year we are playing music from Star Wars, The Greatest Showman, Pirates of the Caribbean, Rossini's William Tell Overture and excerpts from Berlioz's Symphony Fantastique and Haydn's Clock Symphony. The concert is compered by Vicki Elliot, one of our members, who also teaches music to key stages 3 and 4. There will be interactive quizzes for the children, an opportunity to conduct the orchestra and demonstrations of the different instruments and sections that make up an orchestra.

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.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Jane Astrid Devane

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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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

Leeds school calendar academic year 2019-2020

2019	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	29 5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	30 6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 1	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	31 7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 2	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25 1
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 3	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26 2
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 4	11 18 25 1	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27 3
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28 5	12 19 26 2	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28 4
Sunday	4 11 18 25 1	8 15 22 29 6	13 20 27 3	10 17 24 1	8 15 22 29 5

2020	January	February	March	April	May	June
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Wednesday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25 1	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26 2	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
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Sunday	5 12 19 26 2	9 16 23 30 6

195 day school year (5 of these are training days)

- Bank Holiday
- Holiday

Autumn term = 75 days
 Spring term = 60 days
 Summer term = 60 days

Total = 195

next school year could start Thursday 3 September 2020

DIARY DATES

Thursday 17 th January	Maths Focus Day including Puzzles afternoon for Y6 by Lawnswood staff
Friday 18 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 21 st January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Friday 25 th January	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 3 rd February	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 th February	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Thursday 7 th February	Training Day – school closed to children (confirmed)
Monday 11 th to 15 th February	Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 14 th February *	School nurses doing health checks for Reception and Year 6
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Tuesday 26 th February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
w/c Monday 25 th February	STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 th & Escape Rooms on the 28 th
Wed 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 th March	Geography Focus Day
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 th March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 24 th March *	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 th March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC

Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	