

Dear Parents and Carers

We had lovely weather for the **Woodland Walk** on Saturday and it was good to have the chance for some of our families to get to know each other (and the local area) a little better. Thank you to everyone who came along, to the staff who joined us and to the parents who prepared snacks for us and sorted out more of the used uniform for people to PAYF. It was also lovely to see so many of you at **parents and carers consultation evening** on Wednesday and I look forward to seeing the rest of you this Wednesday. I think now virtually everyone has an appointment, but if you are not signed up please arrange a time to see the teacher even if you can't make it on Wednesday.



I am very pleased to say that we have won a free **author visit** on the 14th November! **Steve Webb** is the author of the Peng and Spanners graphic novels that follow the adventures of a sarcastic penguin and a clever cat with a toolbelt. The series is perfect for fans of *Dogman* and *Bunny vs Monkey*. Steve will be in school that day to talk to the children and share his work. With this there is a (completely optional) opportunity to purchase his books at a reduced rate – each copy will be signed on the day by Steve. An order form is attached to the newsletter. (We will be passing the money on separately to the bookseller, so please do not pay via ParentPay.)

Year 3 had a great trip yesterday to **Harlow Carr** near Harrogate to support their topic learning. I look forward to hearing even more about it soon.

Well done to the children who played in the **football match** against Ireland Wood yesterday. Last time we played them there was a lot of learning, but not so many goals on our side. This time, although narrowly defeated, we played a much closer match so are clearly improving as a squad. Thanks to Mr Chris Marshall for taking them.

Leeds City Council is running a public consultation on the 2027/28 admission policy for Leeds community and voluntary controlled schools. You can share your views until 1 December. Find out more at www.leeds.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionsConsultations

Knowing we are an outdoorsy bunch, our friends at **Hawthornth Wood Primary School** have sent the following request for children and families in the area: *We are currently running a **Welly Appeal** and would be incredibly grateful for your support. We're collecting **pre-loved or new wellies** of all sizes to help children and families in need—just in time for the wet and muddy months ahead! If you have clean wellies to donate, please bring them to the red box in the front lobby of school so we can pass them on. Thank you.*

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Patrick for his amazing writing work. Well done. Betsy has been doing fantastic writing in Reception Class.
Y1 (Nile)	Antonio is always so focused in his independent work. Georgia – for the excellent sentences she writes in phonics.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Ren has shown a positive attitude in swimming lessons, is trying his best and making great progress. Lennie is showing resilience in swimming lessons and pushing himself.
Y3 (Rhine)	Y3 were all at Harlow Carr yesterday being superstars!
Y4 (Ganges)	Winter makes well thought through contributions in maths. Logan is working so hard to improve his presentation in all lessons. His hard work is really paying off! Gene worked really hard writing his Roman poem. His perseverance has meant that he has written a brilliant poem.
Y5 (Tigris)	Max is meeting the challenge of Y4 spelling lists. Jonah brings a positive approach to all aspects of his learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	Poppy – you always put in top effort into your work and conduct yourself brilliantly around school. Karson – you are trying really hard to improve in all areas of school.
Citizen of the Week was Stella for being very kind and caring and following all the school values. She helps people out when they're feeling down. She was nominated by someone in Year 6. Well done!	

Next week is a shorter week as it is our **training day** on Friday. (The teachers will be having a session on using apparatus in gymnastics.) It is a busy week in school though, so early nights might be the order of the day to help children (and parents) with the stamina needed to keep going to the end of the half term. Yesterday was a particularly good day for attendance with everyone in school who was due to be in, so keep up the good work!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Make sure you see the notice below about tickets for the **quiz night** that is coming up next half term!



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents and Carers Consultation evening (see letter for appointments)
Thursday 23 rd October	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome
Thursday 23 rd October	Football match v Weetwood (played at Lawnswood School) after school
Thursday 23 rd October	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y2 this time please)
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
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 TBC
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 TBC
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
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.



FOSOPS 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