



Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the **Year 1 assembly** this week and great to see the children share their learning across the whole curriculum. We particularly enjoyed their animal books both digital and written. Year 1 clearly know a lot about animals – it is no wonder they are enjoying their vet surgery role play area!



This week we have been helping children learn how to keep themselves safe by welcoming **d:Side** to school to lead age-appropriate sessions on **medicines, alcohol and drugs**. Our children always listen carefully and join in the lessons with interest and enthusiasm.

We were very proud of our **Year 6** children last week who resiliently tackled their SATS test papers. You may have seen in the news just how difficult they were, but I am proud to say our children approached them with a sense of proportion and tried their best. **Year 2** also have statutory assessment tasks and tests that are used to inform teacher assessment. We do not tell the children about them though and so they are just pleased to be doing 'special work' at times for Ms Barley and Mrs Maver. If only we could do the same for Year 6!

Last week we marked the **King's Coronation** with a special school dinner on Tuesday. The hall was decorated with bunting (many of the pennants showing what children love about their country) and in classes many children wrote to the King to ask him to bring together the right people to talk about the issues they care about.



Please find attached to this newsletter the **updated term dates** for the next school year. Unfortunately, an early version issued by the council had the wrong date for the start of term after Christmas. This is corrected in the version attached.

Next week is **Green Week** when we will be learning about looking after the environment. As part of this theme week, we teach children to walk and scoot safely so that they can be less reliant on cars as they get older. (Year 6 will have their Bikeability training after the half term.) As part of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle message of next week we are taking **donations of books** that your children are finished with but are still in good condition for another child to enjoy. These will be distributed through the **Children's Book Project** charity. We have already had some great donations and look forward to receiving even more at the collection point in the entrance lobby.

Each year we ask parents to let us know what is going well at Shire Oak and what could be even better. This helps us with our planning for next year and the years ahead. Please help us by filling in the **annual parents' survey** online. The responses are anonymous, so please do not use this to let us know things that require an answer. <https://forms.gle/wPjjuwMujSfyeBZw9>

I hope you have a lovely weekend before our last week of this half term. Please see our recent Superstars list overleaf.

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Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Jacob listens well and joins in on the carpet. Elizabeth always joins in on the carpet. Martha is very creative and uses her great imagination to make pictures and models. Imogen has tried really hard in her skipping and can now skip completely independently.
Y1 (Nile)	Enys is growing in confidence and focus. He keeps going when learning new things. Nina always enthusiastically joins in and shares her ideas confidently with the class. Leo is inventive, creative and good at problem solving. Alfie works hard, asks questions and is well motivated with good attitude.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Jonas has a very positive attitude to swimming lessons and is taking on challenges in the pool. Max has been working hard to improve his writing and is very focused in lessons. Noah is working hard in reading lessons, giving detailed and thoughtful answers. Amelie has a positive attitude towards learning that sets an example to others.
Y3 (Rhine)	Willis is a positive role model with classmates, including playing in a fun and friendly way. Karson is getting involved more and more in class discussions, sharing his good ideas and listening well to others. Mason has been listening to advice in PE and improved his throwing, catching and batting in cricket. Levi has listened to advice in PE and improved his control in cricket both for direction and power.
Y4 (Ganges)	Austin always has a positive attitude in class and around school. Tilly is working really hard in class and at home on her times tables. Annabelle is working well in class on her project for topic work with her partner. Raajan has developed a more positive attitude towards his learning which is reflected in his school day.
Y5 (Tigris)	Joe has brought a thoughtful approach to his work on fractions, decimals and percentages. Cora has worked hard to develop a joined-up writing style. Charlie always brings a positive approach to his learning. Betty can apply her maths knowledge to end of unit assessments.
Y6 (Amazon)	Morgan used running techniques to improve his speed. Emily K shows excellent running technique in PE. Aiyush has been working very hard on improving his handwriting. Nina is doing some thoughtful editing to her writing.
Citizen of the Week last week was Tomos who was nominated by Tessa. He is kind and if you fall over or hurt yourself he always ask, "Are you okay?". This week it was Bea who was nominated by Connie and Ada for always being kind and caring inside and outside of school. She follows all the school rules, tries her hardest and is a good role model. Well done!	
Well done to the following children who have achieved the targets on their Maths Passport continent: Ollie, Benji, Joseph L, Aaron, Amirali and Ada.	

DIARY DATES

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8 th May for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.	
22 nd to 26 th May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training, Eco Heroes workshop, permaculture workshop, electric car demonstration, Nature Recovery session, PCSO visit with road safety role play, a visit from our MP and House Team Hobby Half Day. This will also include a Book Drive for the Children's Book Project charity. Please bring in any books your children have grown out of so that they can find new homes with others across the local community. We can accept any children's books in good condition. (Box in entrance lobby, near the office.)
Thursday 25 th May	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	
5 th to 9 th June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children The lighter evenings are a good time for children to practise cycling so that they can do the more advanced on road sections of this training.
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
Thursday 8 th June	Some Eco Club members to rescheduled Fairtrade celebration event at Leeds Town Hall pm
Thursday 8 th June	* FOSOPS meeting to plan HYMF Summer Fair 2:30pm, all welcome.
Friday 9 th June	* Leeds Rhinos sessions for Y3/4 girls, TBC
Tuesday 13 th June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.

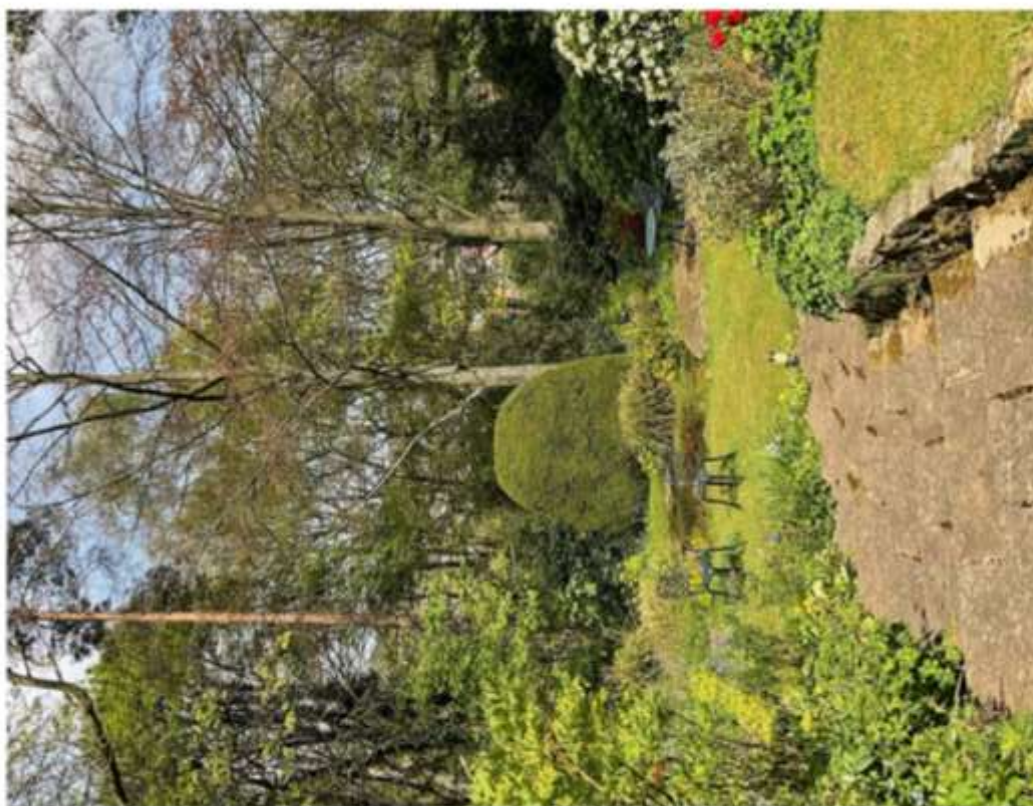
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Thursday 15 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House TBC
Thursday 15 th June *	Y5 Rugby 1-3pm (unfortunately our usual minibus is not available so we are asking for parents to please organise transport)
Friday 16 th June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June *	Y6 Rugby 1-3pm (unfortunately our usual minibus is not available so we are asking for parents to please organise transport)
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 nd June	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Thursday 22 nd June *	Lawnswood staff coming to visit September's Year 7
Thursday 22 nd June *	Y5 girls' football at Kirkstall TBC
Saturday 24 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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

Headingley Open Gardens 2023

We are looking for new gardens, big and small

Sunday 2 July 2023



Open Gardens has become a tradition in Headingley, and we are looking for new gardens, big and small, to inspire anyone who has a patch of open space where they might want to invite nature

If you would like to open your garden this year please let us know at info@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk