



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the friends and family who joined us this morning for **assembly** to mark the Hindu festival of **Holi**. We enjoyed the colourful contributions from each class about colour and signs of spring... although Year 5 certainly embraced the use of paint in celebration and were covered from head to toe! (Thank you parents and carers for allowing them to take part!)

Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed welcoming some special visitors this week as they continue to explore their topic theme of Heroes. Sergeant Andy – a friend to our school – came and delighted the children by showing them all the buttons and sirens in the van along with the other equipment a police officer carries. Sergeant Andy also checks in with some of our older pupils who benefit from a conversation with a strong but kind role model who has lots of good advice about making the right choices. Thank you Carol Hill for arranging this link.



Year 1 also enjoyed a visit from a Northern British hero from the past.

Grace Darling,

brave sea rescuer from came to help immerse them in her story and so that they could gain a better understanding of her courage. Thank you Grace! ;)



School Council have been very busy planning our **Comic Relief /Red Nose Day**. Here is what we will be doing:

Dressing up

Y1 and Y2 are dressing up as heroes – everyday heroes, famous heroes and people they look up to and can write about. Reception and Years 3 – 6 are wearing school uniform but can swap items for red ones, e.g. red socks, red cardigan, red dress, Red Nose gear or red shoes.

Guess the member of staff from their childhood photos

Twenty members of staff (who work in classes, at lunchtime or in the office) have loaned us photos of themselves as babies or children. All children will be given a sheet of photos today, and for 50p they can enter the competition to guess who the photos represent. (Entry forms going out today.)

Special assembly

During the assembly next week, School Council will reveal who the photos are of. They have also decreed that each class has to do something funny, like a sketch, song or joke. They have added that the teacher *must* get involved!

During the assembly we will find out more about some of the projects that Comic Relief supports.

Selling Red Noses, etc.

Children from School Council will be selling noses (£1) as well as nail wraps and badges from 2015 at half price. They will come round the classes and also try to do some selling on the playground before and after school.



Drop Everything And (Read A) Joke

Instead of our usual, beloved, Drop Everything and Read School Council are busy making lucky joke dips for the classes. If anyone has any child-friendly joke books we could borrow, we would really appreciate them. Thank you.

Bun Case Entrepreneurs

Each class will be given a set of Comic Relief bun cases and it is for them to decide how they will be used. They might make buns to sell in class, bird feeders or something else entirely!

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Charlie listens carefully and follows instructions. Pippa writes independently and can write a sentence.
Y1 (Nile)	Oliver and Flo wrote a detailed recount about our firefighter visitors.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Anna always tries hard and brings a fresh approach. Matilda tried very hard with poetry on Friday.
Y3 (Rhine)	All of Y3 for outstanding swimming on last Friday afternoon.
Y4 (Ganges)	Alex has written a super acrostic poem about Lineham Farm and Alfie who is showing great confidence in his song for Easter.
Y5 (Tigris)	Lucus for putting top effort into writing and Cherish whose attitude to learning is exemplary.
Y6 (Amazon)	Rean for showing a mature attitude to their learning and Noah for also following instructions and always being polite.

Citizen of the Week was **Mia** in Year 5 who was nominated because she is not just a good friend but she always uses her manners and respects everyone in a mature way. Well done!

Have a great weekend. I hope to see you at the **Car Boot Sale** this Saturday. There are lots of stalls inside, so whatever the weather this is a fun, easy way to support the school in raising funds for extras.

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YMCA

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

FOOTBALL FEVER Ages 6+ years
You will need suitable outdoor clothing, trainers, packed lunch and bottled water

GYMNASTICS Ages 6+ years
T-shirt and shorts or leotard, bare feet, packed lunch and bottled water

Monday – Thursday
3rd to 13th April 2017

10.00am – 4.00pm
£15 per day
Wrap around cover available from
9.00am – 5.00pm £2.50 per hour

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DIARY DATES	
Saturday 18 th March	FOSOPS Car Boot Sale 10 – 2 in the hall (and car park)
Thursday 23 rd March	Y3 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Thursday 23 rd March	* Y5 trip to Cricket in the Community at Headingley TBC
Friday 24 th March	Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
Friday 24 th March	Y1/2 Dress up as a hero day
Friday 24 th Marcy	* Possible Y6 trip to Lawnswood (Puzzle Day) a.m.
Thursday 30 th March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Saturday 22 nd April	FOSOPS Car Wash fundraising TBC
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Thursday 27 th April	Y2 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Please note change of day)
Thursday 18 th May	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 th May	Spring Clean and BBQ TBC
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 th June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Wed 28 th & Thursday 29 th June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)