



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of our first full week of the new school year I continue to be impressed by the **enthusiasm and effort** shown by the children in their new learning. One of the absolute joys of my job is when children come to share good work they have done in class! I know that re-establishing morning routines can be hard and can make you worry that the children don't want to be at school, but it is rare for this to extend beyond handover and once they have made the transition children are typically happy to be in school with their friends and classmates.



Children in Year 3 have been excited to start their weekly **Forest School** sessions. Initially these take place in the school grounds, progressing to Woodhouse Ridge when their risk assessment skills are secure. This week they were thinking about materials that they might find that can safely be used and which won't harm our environment to make scenes from their class novel, 'Fortunately the Milk'.



Year 4 were very engaged in their first weekly **djembe lesson** and played well for Avtar, our teacher. They were making promisingly musical noises already!



Year 3 parents have had their **transition meeting** this week for the move to KS2.

Reception and Year One parents have their meetings the week after next. Parents of children in Year 6 will also be thinking about transition as the applications for **secondary school** places are open now until the end of October. If you haven't received a letter in the post telling you your nearest schools and how to apply, you can apply here: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school> Here is a list of **Open Days** for local schools. Some schools will also happily welcome visitors during the ordinary school day if you request it.

Lawnswood - 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: 5 - 7pm

Ralph Thoresby - 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Leeds City Academy - 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: 6 - 8pm

Carr Manor Community School - 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: 10am - 1pm

Abbey Grange Academy - 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: 5 - 8pm

Our e-safety subscription includes video 'how to' guides for parents. Some of these may be especially useful for parents of children who have moved to secondary school <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos/> as they included setting up parental controls on devices and games. They add new videos from time to time.



If you usually shop at Asda, you can use your rewards to help raise money for the school. <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools> We get £50 for the first person to opt in and select our school and then £1 and a percentage of your shop for each subsequent person.

I understand that some of the families who visited St Michael's as part of the **Heritage Open Weekend** got to go up in the bell tower – how wonderful!

At school we teach the children to name their emotions using **Zones of Regulation**. The message is that all of these feelings are okay, but we can make choices that will help us to manage/regulate these feelings. The children had a reminder in assembly today and will be talking about this in class, so don't be surprised if they talk about being in the yellow/green/blue/red zone!



Have a lovely weekend.

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### DIARY DATES

w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> September	*	Making Sukkot shelters in classes
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> September	*	Mini athletics Y1, Y2 and Y4. Please make sure PE kits are in school.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> September		Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm		Robinwood Residential trip meeting for Y6 parents/carers in the classroom
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm		Early phonics meeting for Reception Class parents/carers in the classroom
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm		Transition meeting for all Y1 parents/carers in the classroom
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September		Y5 online history visit with Durham University
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	*	Inner North West Community Committee Youth Summit at Civic Hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September		FOSOPS meeting to plan Woodland Walk 2:15pm
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> September		Local history week in school with visits to Oakfield Terrace and artefacts day in school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	*	Maths Puzzles afternoon in Y5 with Mr Smith from Lawnswood School
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Y2 trip to Whistlestop Valley railway
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 9am		Harvest Festival in the hall, all welcome. (Children also bring a non-perishable food item, if possible)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	*	Woodland Walk TBC (a good way to meet other Shire Oak families)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October		Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	*	Netball Festival at Menston St Mary's after school. Under 11s.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October		Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	*	Y6 Viking Day in the hall
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October pm	*	KS2 Cross Country running competition
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 5pm		Herd Farm Residential trip meeting for Y4 parents/carers in the classroom
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	*	Parents and Carers Evening 1 (booking for a slot opens nearer the time)



Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 9am	Y2 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October *	Parents and Carers Evening 2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	House Team Hobby Half Day – orienteering and mapwork focus Y1-Y6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
HALF TERM no school for children Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Art Camp will be running a holiday playscheme.	
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> November *	Black History focus visits to the library
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November *	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November *	KS2 drama workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight which starts today
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November *	An age appropriate act of remembrance will take place in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photo day (prints will be back in good time for Christmas presents) s
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> November *	D:Side Internet Safety sessions
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November *	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> November *	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November *	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November *	Headingley Lights Switch On TBC
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y3 sports festival at Leeds University
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November *	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> December *	Y6 at Robinwood Residential school trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December *	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse TBC
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December *	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December *	School nurses (flu spray)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December *	School nurses to visit YR and Y6 vision and growth checks
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December *	R, Y1 and Y2 performing nativities to rest of school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December *	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativities to parents and carers am and pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December *	Carol Service at St Michael's Church am, all welcome.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December *	Christmas school lunch (children who are on packed lunches can book this in advance)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December *	Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January *	WW2 day (online) Y6
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February *	Canals & Rivers Trust water safety assemblies
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April *	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May *	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> May *	KS2 SATs week for Year 6
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May *	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May *	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July *	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

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



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