



Dear Parents and Carers

What a week! It started with our very own **Headingley Youth Music Festival** and it was a fantastic day. The weather was warm (very warm for those staffing the barbecue!) and the young people who performed on stage were poised and polished. It really was a huge, joint effort to pull it together. Thank you so very much to all the staff who gave up their weekend to be here and thank you very much to FOSOPS and all the parents/carers who helped with planning, running stalls, clearing up or otherwise pitching in to make the day a great success – just look at the photos overleaf. As well as running a great community event we did well with the fundraising too. We have a few more expenses to pay out, but it looks like we have raised the best part of two thousand pounds through your efforts! Thank you so much.

The week continued in grand style as all the children were involved in sporting activities in school and at sports venues as part of our **Learning though Sport Week**. There was yoga, archery, fencing, tennis and squash, swimming (as usual), skateboarding, scooters, ultimate frisbee and some practising for Sports Days. We really hope that all children will be able to identify one sport or physical activity that they love and that they call theirs to build good habits for teenage and adult life. Thank you to Mr Ian Martin for arranging such an exciting week. We look forward to Monday's celebration assembly!

Thank you to **Mr Phill Hopkins** for coming to share his woodworking skills with Year One who are building boats with him today. Phill has supported Shire Oak for many years now and we are very grateful for the time and skill he has generously shared with us – encouraged by his wife, Mrs Susie Hopkins, who is retiring this summer after 32 years of teaching... most of them on this site! We very much hope to stay in touch with both of them in the future.

Unless there is progress in the national talks between the government and the National Education Union, we are likely to be closed due to **strike action** on Wednesday and Friday next week. Our class teachers are in the NEU and the dispute is not yet resolved. We are very keen to make sure that children's transition to their new classes is not affected by this as we know that has a more lasting effect than missing a day of lessons. Our internal transition day, therefore, will be moving to Tuesday in line with Lawnswood's Day 1 for new Year 7s. Children will meet their new teachers and spend some time in their new classes. We will write to you on Tuesday with the staffing list for next year. The Stay and Play sessions for incoming Reception Class will still go ahead, as planned, on Wednesday. We are very grateful for your cooperation and the support that has been shown as the dispute is not with parents and children, but they are those most affected.

Following the COVID lockdowns we found that our children were sometimes a little less 'outward-looking' than they were before the pandemic, unsurprisingly. We have always been proud of the ways our children engage with important issues of justice, the environment, charity, etc. and have been supporting them to become braver again in the causes they support. (For example, we have been using the Picture News resource this year to engage with national and international news stories and consider our responses to them.) It is very pleasing, therefore, to hear of children putting themselves out to advocate and fundraise for others. Poppy and Sasha in Year 4 recently held a day's **sponsored silence** to raise money for the charities Dog's Trust and World Wildlife Fund (WWF). (There is still time to donate – please see their parents or teacher in the playground to do so.) Also in Year 4, Ellie and Chloe have decided to **cut their long hair off** and donate it to the Little Princess Trust. To find out more or to support the charity in making and giving away wigs to those who need them, click on <https://www.justgiving.com/page/rashpal-holliday-1681671560780> Children in Year 5 have been considering how to represent children across the city and have been getting involved with the **Leeds Children's Mayor** election scheme. From the work they have done Bethan has put herself forward as a candidate this year and will go through to the next selection round with her manifesto. Good luck Bethan!

**Eid Mubarak** to all who celebrated this week. I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at the **Music Recital** on Thursday morning next week.

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# HEADINGLEY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023





## DIARY DATES

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y5 tip to waste recycling plant
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July <del>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</del>	* Transition Day. This has been moved a day early as Lawnswood transition day 1 has also moved to this day due to industrial action. Our new Reception 2023 Stay and Play sessions will go ahead on Wednesday, as planned.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	* NEU strike day. School is likely to be closed to children except September's new Reception class.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch. We will start as soon as we can, probably around 9:15am.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	* Lawnswood (day 2) and Abbey Grange transition days
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	* NEU strike day. School is likely to be closed to children.
<del>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</del>	<del>Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome. If the strike goes ahead this will be cancelled. We will reschedule it if we can, but at this time of year that will be difficult.</del>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's Day: Re-imagined at Roundhay Park. Y4 will be there during the afternoon & then meet parents/carers to stay or go home. All Leeds' young people are welcome for the evening! <a href="https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on/children-s-day-reimagined">https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on/children-s-day-reimagined</a>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	* Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day c.9:15am (subject to weather)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	* Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day c.1:15pm (subject to weather)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	* Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day c.9:15am (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	* Y4 parents and school watching Y4 djembe performance.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	* Return school library books by today please.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	* FOSOPS meeting to celebrate and review HYMF 2:15pm. Please let us know what worked and what could be even better for next year!
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Wonderday at Headingley HEART with exhibition of our competition entries
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a>	

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

