



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of our first full week and already school is busy and buzzing. Thank you so much for the amazing response to our **Refugee Crisis appeal**. The tent has been filling up nicely and I am pleased that other local schools have been inspired to have their own collection points too and are delivering items later today. We will keep the tent up until Monday. After that St Michael's will have their collection point up and running so if you weren't able to get things together this week there will be another local place to drop them off.



I hope that you have all received your curriculum newsletters so that you can keep up to date with what the children are learning in school. The new topics are going well. Year 5 have already been out on their first trip into the local area for their **City Story** topic. We are very lucky that Steve Boothroyd, a former pupil at St Michael's, later headteacher in Adel and keen historian, has volunteered to lead some work on this area using his local knowledge. Years 3 and 4 are embarking on one of our new topics Britain Begins which includes the new National Curriculum history work on the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and right up to the Roman invaders. As this is a new topic we are still collecting ideas, artefacts, pictures, etc. so if you have anything to contribute please talk to Ian Martin or Chris Marshall. Thank you!

Year 3 went **swimming** this week for the first time and, due to their intensive term of lessons last year, were able to impress the swimming coaches already. Well done Year 3! (Y3 are joined by up to 10 children from Y4 or above who could do with becoming a little more confident in the water, or who missed swimming lessons by joining our school later.)

Reception Class have been brilliant this week! They have been speedy and good eaters in the dinner hall and have enjoyed venturing into the big playground for afternoon play with Y1 and Y2 and now morning play with the whole school. It looks like they might well be ready to play there at lunchtimes too from next week. Year 6 are very much enjoying being their buddies and will look after them as they explore the options for lunchtime play.



Mr **Alex Bulmer** has joined us in Reception Class. Alex is a graduate teacher trainee who is working towards being qualified as a teacher at the end of this year and will be with us, working in the Reception Class team, for much of the first half of the year.



Jackie in the office has asked me to let you know that on **photo day** children will have individual photos done, but can also have photos with their siblings too. We can arrange school siblings during the day, and can liaise with Headingley Pre-School about children attending there that day. If, however, you would like a photo including siblings not at Shire Oak or the Pre School on our site please tell Jackie in the office and be ready to bring them in before school on the 7th October. Proofs are then sent home for you to look at and decide what, if anything, you would like to buy. Towards the end of the school year we have class and team photos day.



Families with Year 6 children are busy visiting **high schools** and deciding where to apply– an exciting time. Some of the high schools send staff and/or students to talk to our Year 6s throughout the year as part of the transition to secondary school. Ralph Thoresby visited this week. Abbey Grange have asked us to pass on the following message: *It has come to our attention that Admissions have published the wrong date for our Open Day/Evening in their brochure. Could you please inform your parents/carers that the date on the flyer that we have sent you is the correct one, Thursday 24 September 2015. Tours are available during the school day at 9:00am, 9:30am and 10:00am – Parents/carers should contact the Academy to make an appointment on the tours during the school day (0113 2757877) and the Open Evening starts at 6:30pm.*

I hope you have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

On particularly horrible, rainy mornings we open the hall for children to wait with their parents/carers. Their class teachers collect them there at 8:50 instead of on the circles. At this stage in the year Reception might find that a little noisy, so they are welcome to come into the classroom. If the hall is not open there is a (small) shelter over the door opposite the Y1 classroom. Rain rarely means 'wet/indoor play' however, so please make sure children have suitable coats and footwear for playing out every day.

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.)

DIARY DATES

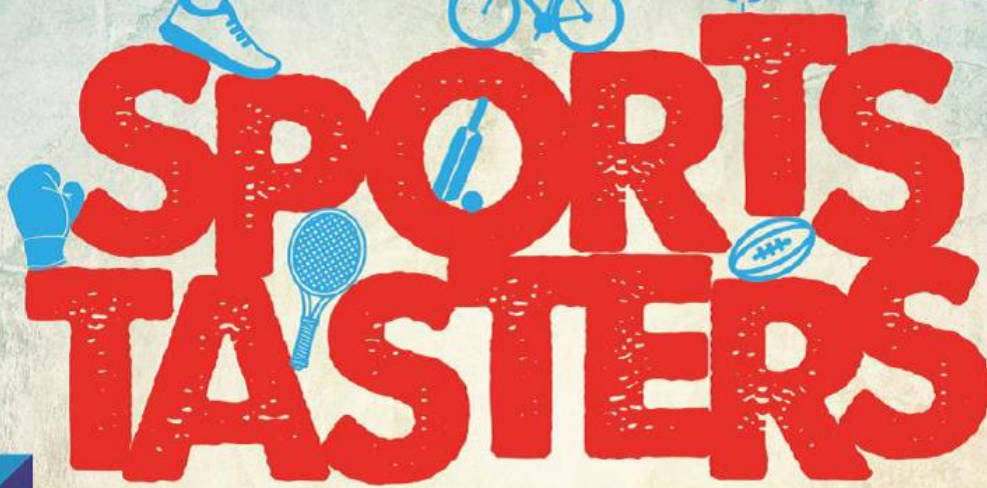
Wednesday 23 rd September *	Cricket in the Classroom trip to Headingley, Y5
Wednesday 23 rd September *	Welcome to KS1 transition meeting for Y1 parents/carers. 5:15pm in the hall. (If you cannot come to Stay and Play on Friday there will be an opportunity to see the classroom too.)
Friday 25 th September	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. The theme for this S&P is Relax and Read.
Tuesday 29 th September *	Y2 trip to Waitrose, Meanwood as part of their Food Glorious Food topic
Thursday 1 st October *	Y1 trip to Waitrose, Meanwood as part of their Food Glorious Food topic
Thursday 1 st October	Meeting about reading & phonics for new Reception parents/carers. 2:15pm
Friday 2 nd October	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 7 th October	Individual and sibling school photographs
Wednesday 14 th October	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 15 th October	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 15 th October *	Cricket in the Classroom trip to Headingley, Y6
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am. All welcome. We will be collecting food donations.
Tues 20 th & Wed 21 st October	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 23 rd October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children. Child Protection refresher training.
26 th - 30 th October	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme.
Saturday 31 st October	Deadline for applying for high school places (current Y6). You can book an appointment with the office staff to help with this if, for example, you can't get online
Friday 6 th November	Divali Assembly, 9am, whole school. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 11 th November	Meeting about maths for new Reception parents/carers. 6pm.

Thursday 12 th November	Geography Quiz Day
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need day. (School Council will decide what we are going to do.)
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Evening. 6pm. Prospective parents/carers of Reception intake 2016 welcome.
Thursday 19 th November	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 20 th November	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 27 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativity productions.
9 th – 11 th December	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood, Todmorden.
Friday 11 th December	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Carol Service, 10:30am. St Michael's Church. All welcome.
21 st December – 1 st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 th January	TRAINING DAY – TBC
5 th – 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 th January	Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Thursday 14 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 15 th January	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 20 th January	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 29 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
1 st -5 th February	STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week. TBC
Thursday 4 th February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Tuesday 9 th February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 11 th March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th March	TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 th – 15 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Wednesday 25 th May	Geography Mapping Day
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change

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