



Dear Parents and Carers

Although the second week of term can be when the excitement of a new beginning starts to wear off and tiredness kicks in, our children have been continuing to show **enthusiasm and pride** in their learning and attitudes. Thank you for everything you do to support this from early nights to long conversations about their new lessons and school adults!



Year 6 were the first class in Leeds to try out some special **virtual reality health technology** this week. On loan from the British Heart Foundation, the headsets took them on a tour of the human heart, explored healthy eating and caused much hilarity as children and adults grasped at the air and felt like they were falling when stood firmly on the ground.

We send out **class newsletters** which will be with you next week if you haven't already received one. When they are all sent home we update our website so you can find them there. They let you know the main focus of learning for the half term, as well as useful information like PE days, etc. Reception Class and Year 4 have their own **Twitter** accounts which you can follow at [@misscoulterrec](#) and

[@MrMarshallclass](#)



Northern Gas Networks will soon be doing work on **Grove Road** which will mean diversions in the area. It is not yet clear exactly when it will be, but extra time will need to be allowed for journeys by car. We have invited them to speak to the children about safety during such roadworks.

Thank you to **FOSOPS** for organising a book giveaway and uniform sale after school this week. We appreciate your help. FOSOPS have been busy planning events for the year, which I have added to the diary dates at the end. Volunteers to help at Games Night next month would be welcomed! The bun sales happen during the day and are run by children from each class in turn, supported by staff. Homemade and bought buns are appreciated, as are those labelled for special diets (e.g. gluten, nut or dairy free). If you are buying buns, please remember that we don't charge much for them though, so don't spend too much! Children never need more than 50p for bun sale days, and 20p will usually buy them something tasty!

Please see the attached letter about **parent governor nominations** and do consider whether you might stand. All parents are welcome to put themselves forward (and this can include step-parents, foster parents, non-resident parents and other family members who care for children at our school) but it is worth mentioning that our recent governor skills audit

highlighted that experience of finance, health and safety or buildings maintenance would be particularly beneficial to add to our existing skill strengths as a governing body.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Astrid Devane

Jane Astrid Devane
janead@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk

PS We are collecting Aldi vouchers, if you shop there.

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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

DIARY DATES

Monday 16 th September *	Y3 transition meetings (apologies for my mistake last week)
Thursday 19 th September	Hustings (election speeches) from Y5 School Council Vice-Chair candidates
Wednesday 25 th September	Reception Class parents meeting about phonics
Thursday 26 th September	Rosh Hashanah assembly. 9am in the hall, all welcome (Y1-Y6 will participate)
Friday 27 th September *	Macmillan coffee morning in the hall from 8.30am – 10am.
Monday 30 th September *	Y6 rugby match at Woodlesford
Wednesday 2 nd October	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Reception to Year 6)
Saturday 5 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk 12 noon meet at school
Monday 7 th October *	Bun Sale with donations by Y6 but available for all to buy
Monday 7 th October *	Y5 rugby match at Woodlesford
Thursday 10 th October	Individual photos day
Friday 11 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 16 th October	Skylar's Missing Note music concert during House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 18 th October	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tue 22 nd & Wed 23 rd October	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 24 th October *	Games Night in the early evening. All welcome!
Friday 25 th October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
4 th to 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
Wednesday 6 th November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 7 th November	Flu vaccines
Friday 8 th November	Divali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 th November *	Bun Sale with donations by Y5 but available for all to buy
Fri 8 th & Mon 11 th November *	The Cave drama work with Alive & Kicking, Year 4 8 th Year 3 11 th
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Morning 9:30 and Open Evening 6pm. All welcome!
Thursday 14 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 15 th November	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 15 th November *	Y5 rugby match at Richmond House
18 th to 22 nd November	Internet Safety Week including visits from d:side
Wednesday 20 th November	Winter Festival of Fire after school. All welcome!
Thursday 21 st November	Parliament & democracy assembly and workshop for KS2

Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Friday 6 th December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 th December *	Bun Sale with donations by Y4 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 10 th December *	Book Club visit to Wizard of Oz at Leeds Playhouse 1:30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the morning
Friday 13 th December	Nativity Productions morning c.9:15am and afternoon 1:15pm.
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 th December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking) and Christmas parties
Thursday 9 th January	Open Morning, 9:30am. All welcome!
Wednesday 15 th January	Maths Focus Day and maths meeting for Reception parents (in the afternoon)
Thursday 16 th January	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th January	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 20 th January *	Bun Sale with donations by Y3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 21 st January	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Friday 24 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 31 st January	Geography Knowledge Day
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 th February	Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
10 th to 14 th February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Monday 2 nd March *	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 th March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Thursday 12 th March	Nurses to see Y1 and Y6
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th March *	Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 th March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Thursday 26 th March	Nurses visit TBC
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 rd April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 nd & Thur 23 rd April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 30 th April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 1 st April	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 27 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 th April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 th & Tues 5 th May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 th May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only)
11 th to 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
18 th to 22 nd May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 st May	Class and team photos
Friday 5 th June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 th June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 th June *	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Wednesday 10 th June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 th June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 th June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 th to 19 th June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 th June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 th June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC

Friday 19 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 th June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 th July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	