



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has really marked a shift in the seasons. We were very pleased that Linda, grandma to two of our children, came to speak to Year 1 and Year 2 about celebrating **Thanksgiving** in America. Thank you very much Linda!

This week we have also taken part in the **Headingley Lights Switch On** with local councillors, St Michael's Church and other members of the local community. Despite the cold and rain, our children sang their songs and carols well, counted down to the lights switch on and then enjoyed food from the Rainbow Junk-tion Café at All Hallows. Church said to thank for your donations. The Christmas choir have now started rehearsing so that they can go carol singing at local care homes and Wheatfields Hospice.



A highlight of the autumn term, indeed the school year, is our **Winter Festival of Fire** and this year was no exception. We enjoyed the roaring fire, the singing, the warming food, making woodcraft, lanterns, Christmas cards and decorations, the book giveaway and more. Thank you to staff and FOSOPS volunteers for selling refreshments, uniform, running activities and being part of it. Thank you to everyone for coming.

Thank you also to everyone who came to **Stay and Play** this week. It is always good to see children showing adults their classrooms and the places they learn.

This time of year also brings **Anti Bullying Fortnight** (photos overleaf). In this fortnight we spend time

making sure that children understand the types of bullying (emotional, verbal, physical, cyber) and what bullying is (hurting someone again and again, on purpose to make someone feel bad) and what bullying isn't. This way the children know that if it is bullying it is serious and they absolutely have to tell. We remind each other of all the ways we can tell (e.g. the worry box, telling a school adult, peer mediators, our parents and carers) and we receive a gift to help us remember to tell. This year it was a highlighter to highlight bullying. These were given out in a special assembly on Tuesday where children completed activities suggested by School Council to use their new presents. This week we have also had two days of drama where Reception to Year 4 worked on the theme of **Respect** and Years 5 and 6 worked in a mature way on themes of body image in sessions called **Mirror Mirror**. Jane Hinchliffe has useful ideas for parents wanting to talk to their children about bullying – do ask her.



KS1 BOOK CONTRACT



At Shire Oak, we know that good learners always try hard.

I, _____, promise always to be proud of my work and to:

- Write the date at the beginning of each piece of work
- Do my neatest handwriting on the line.
- Present my work neatly
- Check my work before my teacher marks it and correct or improve it if I can.
- Cross mistakes out neatly with a single line.
- Keep my book tidy
- Stick work in my book neatly

Signed (Child):

Date:

KS2 BOOK CONTRACT



At Shire Oak, we know that good learners always try hard.

I, _____, promise always to be proud of my work and to:

- Write the date at the beginning of each piece of work
- Write the Learning Objective (L.O.) if it is not already in my book.
- Underline all dates and L.O.s with a pencil and a ruler.
- Do my neatest handwriting on the line.
- Present my work neatly
- Check my work before my teacher marks it and correct or improve it if I can.
- Cross mistakes out neatly with a single line.
- Respond to my teacher's feedback to get better.
- Edit and improve my work with a coloured pen, chosen by my teacher.
- Keep my book tidy
- Stick work in my book neatly

Signed (Child):

Date:

Recently in school we have been thinking of ways to improve our **writing** and our pride in our written work. Part of this is continuing to work on the targets that teachers have set us, but talking to children made us realise that how we feel about our books is reflected in how we feel about our writing. We have, therefore, introduced **book contracts** in KS1 and KS2 so that we are all agreed how we will look after our books and set our work out. We will watch carefully to see if it helps us! Our recent SuperStars who have their work displayed in school as a high standard or most improved are named below.

Have your say! Charitable fund for Leeds parks & green spaces



Through donations by local people and businesses, the Leeds Parks Fund supports community-led improvements to public parks and green spaces in Leeds for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy. For example, by planting more flowers and trees, improving play areas, restoring historic features and providing more wildlife habitats.

Anna Barker, University of Leeds, is working with Leeds City Council, Leeds Community Foundation and the Leeds Parks & Green Spaces Forum to explore the views of local communities to this charitable initiative.

We'd love it if you would help out by filling in an online survey at:

<https://futureofparks.leeds.ac.uk/rethinking-parks/>

The survey findings will feed into future plans for sustaining and improving the city's public parks.

Thank you!

Class	Well done to recent Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Ellie chooses to write independently. Roman is trying really hard to write his name.
Y1 (Nile)	Betty has been impressing her teachers with her increasingly neat and small handwriting. She is trying hard to form her letters correctly and she always thinks about how to make her work look good to the reader.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Olive has greatly improved her handwriting and is beginning to join her letters. Frankie's letter formation is improving and she is writing on the lines which makes it clearer to read.
Y3 (Rhine)	Rosa is increasingly forming her letters correctly and presenting her work neatly. Edie is forming her letters correctly and consistently with increasingly accurate joins in neatly presented work.
Y4 (Ganges)	Fred is working hard on improving his handwriting and presentation. Eva consistently sets herself a high standard in her handwriting. Edwin is coming up with great ideas when writing with pictures.
Y5 (Tigris)	Elsie takes great care with the presentation of all her work, including excellent handwriting. Rattan has really taken care to improve his handwriting and gain a pen in Y5.
Y6 (Amazon)	Sarvagya consistently displays Y6 standard handwriting in all her work. Reece has worked extremely hard to improve his handwriting in Year 6.
Citizen of the Week was Giulio and also Owen . They were nominated for (G) making a good start to his time here, being friendly to everyone and following the Shire Oak values and (O) for being very kind to the Reception Class children and showing other children how to behave. They were both nominated by classmates.	

School Council have asked me to remind you that they are holding a **Toy Sale** on Thursday next week. Encourage your children to have a clear out of the toys and games they don't play with any more and then come after school to the sale. Please bring donated toys in the morning that day, if possible. Items will mostly be priced from 20p to about £1.50 and will be on sale in the hall from 3:05pm.



It has been a bit of a bumper newsletter this week, with lots of information to share from community partners and contacts. **Lawnswood School** have asked me to let you know about their **Winter Festival** that is coming up soon. Attached to this newsletter is a drawing competition they are running attached to their festival. Completed entries can be brought back into school with your child's name clearly on the back by the 12th December please.

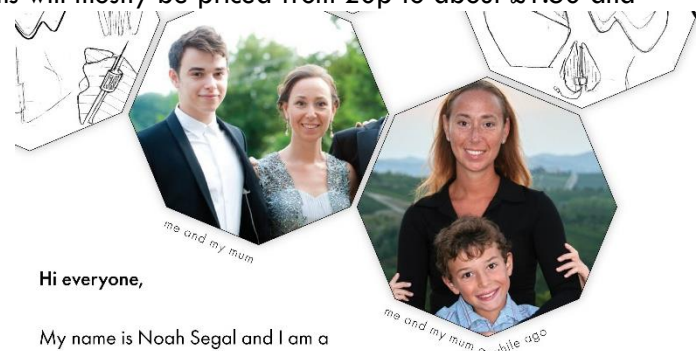
I hope you all have a good weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday at our special assembly for the Birthday of Guru Nanak. All welcome!

Jane Astrid Devane

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PS It is one of the 5 annual **training days** on **Tuesday** next week. School will be closed to pupils whilst teachers work together on ways to improve writing.

PPS We are still collecting (new) presents, decorations and cash for the **Neonatal Reunion party** at our local hospital until 30/11



Hi everyone,

My name is Noah Segal and I am a product design student at the University of Leeds conducting a project on designing for children. My aim is to design products for children from aged 0-7 which adapt and evolve to children's ever changing needs.

It is important to understand the needs and experiences of those I am designing for so **if you are a parent with children aged 0-7 I would love to gain some of your insights.** I would really appreciate if you could fill in my questionnaire and send it to noahsegal@live.com.

If you would like to have a more in depth conversation please contact me directly on 07800820333.

Thanks very much!

I can't wait to hear what you have to say

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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 Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Monday 26 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak– all welcome to share our special assembly. 9am, the hall.
Monday 26th November *	FOSOPS school discos in the evening. R/KS1 POSTPONED
Tuesday 27 th November	Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 28 th November	Y4 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge
Wednesday 28 th November	Meeting for Reception parents about how we teach maths. 6pm. TBC
Thursday 29 th November	Y1 trip to St Michaels to learn about baptism
Thursday 29 th November	Toy Sale by School Council (clear out before Christmas)
Wed 5 th – Fri 7 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children
w/c 10 th December	Book Club trip to the theatre TBC
Monday 10 th December	Bun Sale with donations by Year 5 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 11 th December	Book Club trip
Friday 14 th December	Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning (c. 9:30) and afternoon (c. 1:30) (FOSOPS refreshments)
Monday 17 th December	Carol singing at Wheatfield's Hospice
Tuesday 18 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 21 st December	Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor
Mon 24 th Dec to Fri 4 th Jan 19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 th January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 17 th January *	Maths Focus Day including Puzzles afternoon for Y6 by Lawnswood staff
Friday 18 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 21 st January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Friday 25 th January	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 3 rd February	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 th February	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Thursday 7 th February	Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Monday 11 th to 15 th February	Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Tuesday 26 th February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
w/c Monday 25 th February	STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 th & Escape Rooms on the 28 th
Wed 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 th March	Geography Focus Day
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 th March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)

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Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations (
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

Sue Ryder
Wheatfields
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Wheatfields Christmas Fair

Saturday 24th November
11am-3pm
Entry by donation



Join us at our hospice for fabulous festive fun for all the family! Visit Santa and his story telling elf, help judge our Christmas bake off, enjoy some refreshments, take part in the fun and games or make a start on your Christmas shopping with our variety of stalls.

A Christmas fair YULE be glad you came to!

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The Lawnswood School Winter Festival Colouring Competition 2018!

We warmly invite you to

The Winter Festival Wednesday 19th December 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Lawnswood School. Tickets will be Free of Charge to the Winners of their competition and their families. Santa will be giving out prizes at 7pm in the main hall.

