



Dear Parents and Carers

Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating earlier this week – I hope you had a lovely time. It was lovely to see you all at parents and carers' evenings this fortnight. I think we have now seen virtually every family in school, but if you cancelled your slot then please see the teacher as soon as possible to catch up.

The **Y5 and Y6 girls and boys rugby team** enjoyed a tag rugby friendly at Whinmoor St Paul's on Tuesday. The team came together brilliantly and after a first half in which their teamwork and creativity had led to lots of tries, but two less than the opposition, they came up with a plan at half time that enabled them to get more quickly into the other half in attack and more quickly to meet the opposition in defence. A good plan that worked well as Shire Oak won the second half, losing the match overall by a single try. A closely matched and competitive game played in a good spirit by both teams.



This week classes have visited St Michael's Church to learn more about the festival of **Easter** and the story that lies behind it.



As children move through school we hope that they learn about and learn from the religions in our community and learn to articulate their own beliefs confidently and listen to the views of others with tolerance, respect and interest. (We know that in Reception Class children seem to believe almost everything they encounter, even/especially in stories, but as they develop this will become a more nuanced understanding!)

The church has asked us to share this with you: St. Michael's Church needs your help. We are conducting a short survey about how our church can better serve Headingley and its community. Completing the survey will help us see what St.Michael's can offer, already enjoys, feels could do better, and could best serve Headingley. Please use the link or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/r/yJLeJP6VLc>



Look at the amazing **raffle prizes** that were given out in assembly this week!

Thank you to everyone who donated or bought tickets. → Thanks also to everyone who named our school via Asda Cashpots Rewards – it has paid out over £100 and everything helps!



Well done to Year 5 who welcomed Moortown Fire Brigade this week for a **fire safety session**. As they left they complimented the children on their questions and particularly how they focused on other people's safety and not just their own.

Please don't forget the **parents survey** to help us with our forward planning. Please fill it in at <https://forms.gle/T6JgScgZdb9uAUtu7> or ask us if you need a paper copy to be sent home.

Here is a link to activities for juniors taking place across the city over the Easter holidays: <https://active.leeds.gov.uk/>

Very well done to Year 3 and Year 4 for their **fabulous Easter production!** We loved their singing, their acting and the way they all got involved in telling the story. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support them and to everyone who has helped with rehearsing, clothing and equipping them!



I hope you have a lovely holiday and a very **happy Easter**. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 23rd April.

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DIARY DATES

EASTER HOLIDAY no school for children 7 th April to 21 st April. Art Camp will run a playscheme. https://artcampuk.com/	
Tuesday 22 nd April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children (come back on Wednesday 23 rd !)
23 rd , 24 th & 25 th April	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons
Thursday 24 th April *	New to you uniform sale after school including summer dresses and shorts
28 th and 29 th April	D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety
Tuesday 29 th April	Y4 netball at St Mary's Menston after school
Wednesday 30 th April	Leeds Rhinos assembly
Thursday 1 st May *	Packed lunch day
Friday 2 nd May	YR Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
12 th to 16 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6
Friday 16 th May	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
19 th – 23 rd May	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!
Friday 23 rd May	Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st May	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
HALF TERM no school for children 26 th to 30 th May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
2 nd to 6 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian safety and eco workshops.
Wednesday 4 th June	House Team Hobby Half Day TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC
Thursday 5 th June	Class photo day
Friday 6 th June	Year 5 trip to the recycling plant
Wednesday 11 th June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Tuesday 17 th June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 th June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Thursday 19 th June	Y3 Ancient Egyptian artefacts visitor
Saturday 21 st 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!
Friday 27 th June	Transition day at Ralph Thoresby School
30 th June – 11 th July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition visits to new classes
Tuesday 1 st Wed 2 nd July	Transition days for Lawnswood (extra day available as well, when needed)
Friday 4 th July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 th July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
Wednesday 9 th July	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
14 th – 18 th July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
Wednesday 16 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Friday 18 th July *	Y6 travel planning session for secondary school
Monday 21 st July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 nd July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd July to 29 th August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

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