

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good **half term** – it has been fun hearing about the different things the children have been doing. Particularly pleasing were the number of children who used the time to practise a tricky Maths Passport target and were awarded their next certificate and next targets in SuperStar assembly this week. (If ever the certificate but not the next targets make it home, please do ask your child's class teacher!) Our **training day** on Monday was spent with staff from the other Headingley Primary Schools and trainers from the White Rose Maths Hub doing further work on taking maths from the concrete to the pictorial to the abstract. We also spent time learning about practical techniques such as the Singapore Bar Method. Very interesting!

We are looking forward to our special week next week – **GREEN WEEK**. We have lots of activities planned as a school and in classes. (Year 6 have such a jam-packed timetable anyway next week they will be having a Green Fortnight to make sure they have a chance to join in too.)

One of the best ways we can help improve air pollution is to walk, cycle and scoot more often. One of the biggest barriers to that is worrying about children's safety out and about near roads. We have therefore booked a whole day of Road Safety activities for Tuesday:

- Whole school assembly
- Reception Class – Teddy Takes a Tumble and role play of using a crossing
- Year 1 and Year 2 – Pedestrian Training
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Scooter Training (which includes general road safety messages)
- Year 6 – using a Speed Indication Device in the local area to measure the speed of cars. (This will be supported by one of the Safer Schools Police Officers)
- Kerby – the road safety mascot – greeting children who are walking/scooting/cycling to school on Tuesday and hopefully giving out some small treats and rewards during the day.
- Start of parent consultation about setting up a Walking Bus / Park and Stride scheme at our school – please give your views either in the playground at the stall or by letting us know.

We know that there are families for whom walking is not a practical choice due to distance or mobility issues so please do not feel bad about this campaign! We are just giving ourselves a little nudge to consider any changes we could make that would benefit children's health and the environment.

The irony is not lost on us that we are having a focus week on the environment and air quality just after **Bonfire Night**. Nevertheless, we are going to have a bonfire (burning as much untreated wood as we can) on Saturday. There will be food, drink and glow sticks on sale and also a supervised area for buying and lighting sparklers. Please join us from 3-5pm. All friends and family are welcome – the more the merrier! (And if you have any wood we can burn, please bring it to school, ideally dropping it off near the fire circle between 9:45 and 1pm on Saturday.)



**Shire Oak Bonfire**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**3-5pm**



**Hot dogs, jacket potatoes, chilli, pizza, juice, glow sticks and sweets will be on sale in the hall. A supervised sparkler area (with sparklers for sale) will be set up – don't forget gloves!**  
**Please do not bring fireworks.**

Well done to Year 6 who raised £41.90 in their **bun sale** before the half term break.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class for showing an excellent standard in writing or really improving their writing.
YR (Thames)	<b>Nathanael</b> writes his name beautifully. <b>Thomas</b> has persevered well with writing his name.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Sam</b> writes to a really high standard. <b>Isabel and Laurence</b> are really improving their writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Rory</b> has made great improvements in the quality of his writing this year. <b>Katarina</b> always produces writing to a very high standard.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Skye</b> consistently entertains, informs and impresses with her writing using a wide range of vocabulary appropriate to her audience and purpose. <b>Tula</b> is really improving her writing by trying to use new vocabulary and techniques as well as checking increasingly carefully.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Thomas</b> wrote an engaging narrative story with great description and accurate speech punctuation. <b>Erin</b> wrote a detailed narrative story that flowed well throughout.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Noah</b> you try to engage the reader by using high level vocabulary in your writing. <b>Imana</b> you always look to improve your writing by focusing on your targets.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Matthew</b> always produces outstanding pieces of writing. <b>Katie</b> works really hard to consistently improve her writing.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Lewis in Y5</b> who was nominated by Brooke and Naomi because he follows school rules all the time and he is a good role model to other children. He also respects school property and other people. Well done!	

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that the cost of **school dinners** for this half term is £75.90 for Years 3 – 5 and £69.00 for Year 6 (because of residential).

Have a great weekend and hope to see many of you at the bonfire.

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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 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](mailto: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

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM. School closed to children – Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children. We will be working on maths with the other Headingley primary schools.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire at school. 3-5pm with hot food, glow sticks, etc. A lovely small scale
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Green Week – a themed week about the environment.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November *	NO CAR DAY – please walk, scoot or cycle at least the last bit of the journey to school please. Children will be doing Road Safety activities today, see newsletter.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November *	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y4 visiting the environment monitoring station on Otley Road in the afternoon.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November *	Cricket coach, various classes on Friday afternoons.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y6 visiting the environment monitoring station on Otley Road in the afternoon.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition at Prince Henry's school in Otley. 4.45-6pm. Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4.45-6.00pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November *	KS1 trip to St Michael's Church
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Festival of Fire after school
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (TBC)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	d:side Internet Safety sessions for KS2
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Internet Safety week in school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsal for the Reception and KS1 Christmas nativity productions
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December *	Year 5 Fire Safety Talk
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Robinwood Residential for all Year 6 children
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School carol service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. 10:30am.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.

(Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival and Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children performing at around 2pm.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter                      TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

## The Firework Code

- **Keep fireworks in a closed box**
- **Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully**
- **Light them at arm's length**
- **Stand well back**
- **Never go back to a lit firework**
- **Never put fireworks in your pocket**
- **Never throw fireworks**

