



Dear Parents and Carers

# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a week! It was fantastic to see so many of you at our **Headingley Youth Music Festival** on Saturday. Thank you so much to everyone who baked, sang, played, led activities, ran stalls, sold raffle tickets, barbecued, filmed, gave out programmes and did the 101 other things that contributed to a great community event. It was lovely to hear the children

singing *Lean on Me* together with **Headingley Voices** and the choir from **Kirkstall St Stephen** and see all the ways people got involved.



**Year 3** write that they had a great day on Monday studying the geology of the local area. They took the bus from **Headingley** up to **Pool Bank** and walked 4 miles up through the **Forest Park** to the ridge at **Otley Chevin** and then down to **Otley bus station** for the return journey. Looking down we found lots of examples of millstone grit underfoot and in the soil and also rocks brought in to be used for paths, such as limestone. Looking up we enjoyed spectacular views of



**Wharefdale,**

including another rock outcrop that we will explore next month; **Almscliffe Crag**. We also enjoyed the experience of aeroplanes bound for **Leeds Bradford Airport** shaving our heads. Though nothing quite got everyone as excited as the moment when we arrived at **Surprise View** and could open our pack up!



**Reception Class** enjoyed their first full day trip this week. They visited **Harewood House** and were particularly excited to see the penguins (the class' favourite bird) in the bird garden, along with the other wildlife. They enjoyed the Curiosity Cabin and the Spring into Summer Workshop and were thoroughly worn out by the end of the day. Thank you to all the adults who went with them.



Thank you to everyone who filled in **ParentView** surveys for Ofsted this week. It was a very high turnout of responses and a good contribution to our inspection. We (like you) can see the graphs of responses online, but can't see the comments you made so do let us know if there's anything we should know. As it was a one day inspection to check that we are still 'good' we will receive a letter rather than a full report. As soon as I receive it I will pass it on to you all. (Ofsted was the reason I didn't manage to pop into **Stay and Play** this week, but thank you for coming to that too.)

Susie Hopkins writes: We are having a **Multicultural Arts and Faith week Mon 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

Just to remind you, as part of this week various trips to local places of worship have been organised to enrich this week.

- Reception – In school activities to do with link to St. Michael's Church.
- Year 1 and 2 are visiting **Leeds Makkah Mosque, 36, Thornville Road** by coach, on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June (am).
- Year 3 and 4 are visiting **Sinai Synagogue, Roman Road** by coach, Y4 on Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June Y3 on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June (am)
- Year 5 and 6 are visiting **Hyde Park's Hindu Mandir Temple, 36 Alexandra Road** by foot, on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> (am).

School uniform will be worn and as it is a half day trip, usual lunch arrangements will apply as the children will be in school then. There is no cost to you for this trip.

We will also have lots of visitors, assemblies and activities planned throughout the week. One ongoing activity will be a school Ofrenda that we will create. To celebrate The Day of the Dead, in Mexico, people build 'Ofrendas' to remember friends, family and people of significance. Ofrendas are brightly coloured displays including tables filled with photographs, flowers, candles, food and significant objects. They are a central part of celebrating those we have loved and lost, from close family to our heroes from music or sport. We are doing this in conjunction with Leeds Church Institute, as a healthy response to this crucial subject. Please bring in contributions from your family, any time from Monday onwards. Children will have a chance to visit as a class and place their objects on the Ofrenda. You can also bring yours during Wednesday's after school event.

We will also be having a community **food celebration** in the form of a *Bring and Share*, on Wed 26 June from 3pm. Please collect your child as normal, and join us on the grass outside the hall, multicultural food donations can be brought in then, or at the start of the day.

Finally, Friday will be a **dress up day** when children can wear costumes or items from cultures they represent or are interested in. This could be traditional outfits, Guide or Scout uniform or something they have been given from overseas. We just ask that it is respectful and has no negative stereotypes (e.g. no mafia outfits for Italy!)

Thank you!

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>All of Reception Class</b> for great learning and behaviour on Tuesday's trip.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Dotty</b> and <b>Seth</b> for super reading comprehension.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Myla</b> and <b>Charlie J</b> for enthusiasm, a great attitude and joyfulness.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>All of Y3</b> for great learning and behaviour on Monday's visit to Otley Chevin.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Ubayd</b> for working hard on his reading with Janie, and <b>Sara</b> because her new school will be lucky to have her.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>James</b> did a fabulous job keeping score in drama assembly and <b>Deney</b> put outstanding effort and creativity into his rocket-making project.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Erin</b> is a superb role model in class and around the school. A top notch ambassador! <b>Milo</b> is using a very convincing accent during Bussy Malone rehearsals.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was Maddison nominated by Y6 peers for persevering in and out of school and following school principles, rules and values. Well done!	

I hope you all have a good weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic on Wednesday.

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#### DIARY DATES

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 visit to Leeds City College Printworks
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week (including Ofrenda, community picnic, Vicar and Imam assembly and trips to places of worship) Y1/2 are visiting Leeds Makkah Mosque on Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June (am). Y3/4 are visiting Sinai Synagogue Y4 on Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June Y3 on Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June (am) Y5/6 are visiting Hyde Park's Hindu Mandir Temple on Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> (am).
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	YAMSEN choir performance
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	The Big Play concert (Year 4 playing at Pudsey)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Please join us after school for a multicultural picnic where we share food from around the world and families can visit the ofrenda and add their own items.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June *	Year 6 boys' dodgeball tournament at John Smeaton after school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Filey
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Lawnswood transition days for Year 6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Assembly about the Leeds libraries summer reading challenge
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital for children who learn an instrument or singing 1:30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening 6pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Author visit to Year 1 (Yasmeen Ismail)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 trip to Lawnswood for Maths Puzzle morning
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 trip to Yeadon Tarn
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First day of school for Years 1 to 6.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Class start in groups for the next three half days
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Class stay for lunch for the first time – parents & carers welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Class start full days at school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Skylar's Missing Note music concert
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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 Hincliffe.

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