



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for a good week. Reception Class have coped well with the move to full days and the Year 6s are taking very

seriously their job as **buddies**, helping the younger children to settle into school. To assist the adults getting to know each other, swapping phone numbers and starting to build the relationships that help navigate school life I am pleased to say that FOSOPS are organising a **Woodland Walk** soon. Open to all our families, but particularly useful for new families, we will walk together to The Ridge and take part in some simple autumn activities, before returning to school for some food (usually pizza and hot dogs, or similar). Please do come along!

It is always fun at this time of year to see children settling into their new **extra-curricular activities**. The sound of trombone, trumpet and French horn could be heard this week and many of our clubs have been running, including girls' football, steelpan band and art. We are glad our children are interested in a wide range of pursuits, inside and outside school.





Ms Lydia Virgin has begun her **art lessons** with Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Each week she teaches skills that develop them as artists and uses ideas linked to their curricular topics. Year 3 and Year 4 are enjoying cave painting with berries and soil!

The children have been busy exercising their democratic rights at school. At the end of last week each **House Team** chose Year 6s to be their House Team Captains who run house team meetings, and make sure ideas from house teams get to School Council. Well done to the following:
 Giraffes: Emaya and Ryan
 Elephants: Georgia, James & Mayah
 Rhinos: Erin and Mason
 Lions: Felicity, Katelyn and Hannah
 Leopards: Khi and Skye

A very well done also to the children in Year 5 who made such excellent speeches yesterday in the election hustings for **Vice-Chair of School Council**. The standard of speech was incredibly high and all proved themselves to be keen and thoughtful ambassadors for the school. Only one can be elected, but they all have our respect and will be reliable role models and, I'm sure, play their part in other school roles and responsibilities. We will announce the winner as soon as we can.



Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Reception Class do not yet attend assemblies.
Y1 (Nile)	Sam has had a grown up attitude to his start to Year 1. Poppy has settled into Year 1 well.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Seth has had a good start to Y2 and is improving himself to be a very good role model. Oliver has had a positive start to Y2 and is trying his best.
Y3 (Rhine)	Myla has started the year brilliantly – a great role model. Leo has brought a really positive attitude in Y3. He is showing his best, overcoming and challenges and enjoying learning.
Y4 (Ganges)	Charlie is settling in well to Y4. Kienna brings an enthusiastic approach to her learning.
Y5 (Tigris)	Rylan for being an exceptional role model and having a good attitude in class and Leilani who has had a great start to the year and has a great attitude to learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	Dimitri is hard-working in class and has a good learning attitude. Elsie is taking her responsibilities as a Y6 pupil seriously.
Citizen of the Week was not awarded this week. Any child or adult in school can make a nomination for someone upholding our values or making a great contribution to school life.	

Have a lovely weekend.

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Shire Oak Woodcraft volunteers will be running children's games during the Street Fair on Sunday. Speak to them then if your child wants to go to the weekly Woodcraft group on Thursdays at 6-7.15, or email shireoak.woodcraft@gmail.com. Two age groups (6-8 and 9-12) meet in our school grounds for a programme of games, making things, fun debates and cooking on fires, with visits including listening to bats in the woods, Light Night, a Halloween party, and climbing wall. See Leeds Woodcraft Community Facebook page.

Do you shop online? If you shop via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shireoakcofeprim/> then we collect funds that go to the PTA (FOSOPS). or

DIARY DATES

Sunday 22 nd September	* Street Fair for Car Free Day. North Lane 12:30-4pm. http://tiny.cc/fbhsf22919
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 Community Room, 9-10am.
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	

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.)