



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see so many members of the school community gathered on Wednesday for our annual **Winter Festival of Fire**. We enjoy celebrating our commitment to outdoor learning and had fun toasting marshmallows, singing, doing crafts and being together. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made it possible.

This week our **Christmas choir** has started rehearsing at lunchtimes. This is in preparation for various opportunities to share our singing in the near future including carol singing in

### Christmas Choir

Would you like to come carol singing at the Headingley Lights Switch On and in the local community?

Would you like a part in our Carol Service at church? Join our choir!

Practices are at lunchtime. Come to Year 6 at 12 o'clock.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

If you normally have first dinner, you will be able to eat with Y3,4, 5 & 6 on a choir table in the dinner hall.

Headingley Lights Switch-On  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
5:00pm



the community (hospice, care homes and library) and leading some of the singing at our carol service. All children at Shire Oak are invited to sing next week at the

### Headingley

**Christmas Lights Switch On.** We will gather from 5pm onwards at St Michael's Church. (They will be serving refreshments.) We will then sing carols indoors before moving outside for a little

more singing and a countdown to the lights switching on at 6pm. This is always a lovely event and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Anyone passing school on Tuesday afternoon may have wondered about the din coming from the playground! School Council presented the children with this year's gift to remember the learning in Anti Bullying Fortnight – a kazoo! The theme this year is **Make a Noise About Bullying** and the children certainly did! You may be glad to hear that some classes are keeping the kazoos in school to use occasionally in music lessons, so each child has their own. This is what the children have been learning and signing this week:

- **I know what bullying is** (again and again, on purpose, to make someone feel bad)
- **I know what bullying isn't** (accidents, one-offs, rough play... although these may still need addressing!)
- **I know what to do about bullying... TELL!**

Have a lovely weekend! I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas lights switch on.

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PS Please find attached our monthly **Internet Safety Newsletter**



There is a consultation about plans for **Woodhouse Ridge**. Follow this link to have your say:

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/theridge/> Leeds City Council would like to know what you think about your local parks and how we can make them better for everyone. Our aim is to set out a vision for each park to help us achieve our goal of providing the best parks in the UK. Woodhouse Ridge online survey is live until 20th Feb 2024.

## DIARY DATES

27 <sup>th</sup> November onwards	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline for Christmas card competition entries.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church, 5pm. All welcome. Refreshments available.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December *	Short FOSOPS meeting to discuss Christmas disco, raffle & nativity refreshments. 2:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Some of choir carol singing at Wheatfields pm.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December *	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom.
<del>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</del>	Please note this is a rescheduled date due to siblings coming home from residential.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December *	Y3 trip to university sports festival. (Please note, not back until c.4:15pm)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Inter Schools football tournament hosted by Lawnswood School
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses to see YR and Y6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December *	Year 4 Roman day with external visitor. Children can dress up as Romans if they like!
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Some of choir carol singing at Headingley Library.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December *	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:15am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Wed'sday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas discos R/1/2 3:45-4:45pm and KS2 5:00-6:00 pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church that many of our children enjoy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School is closed to children. <a href="#">Art Camp</a> are running a holiday club.</p>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play in YR/Y1/Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class trip to Pizza Express (TBC)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 chocolate trip to York TBC
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Lunar New Year Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshops in school.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March *	Y5 piano and science workshop as part of Leeds International Piano Festival
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC

18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to recycling plant TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: <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>	

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

Lovely to see former pupils, now at Lawnswood School, volunteering at our rugby club as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.







**Enter our Christmas card competition for a chance to see your artwork as one of our 2023 Christmas cards.**

***Closing date 9am Monday 27th November***

**Childs First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Childs Surname** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

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