



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to Year 1 for their lovely class assembly this morning. Thank you also to the friends and family who came to support them and share their celebration of their learning. We really appreciate it. We particularly enjoyed their loud, proud hall voices,



their lighthouse and Katie Morag pictures and the slideshow of their learning.



I promised you photos from Katie Morag Day... you can see Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time immersing themselves in this series of books that they absolutely love. There were some great and inventive costumes for this special day – thank you to everyone who helped dig out wellies and the other items the children asked for!

Children and families from Shire Oak enjoyed their invitation to the **Leeds Rhinos match** on Sunday. They were able to meet Ronnie, parade around the stadium with Dan (our coach) and enjoy the match.



Reception Class had a great trip to **Tropical World**. They enjoyed seeing and learning about the wildlife there and had time to eat their lunch in Roundhay Park and play in the playground before the weather changed. Thank you to staff and volunteers for making it a successful day, to parents and carers for sorting out packed lunches and to the patient and kind ice cream seller who let each child



buy their own ice cream!

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who organised **Movie Night** this week. The children seemed to really enjoy their evening

and were a great audience, raising money for school funds in the process. We are saving towards further improvements of our outside learning areas.

Year 6 enjoyed their trip to **Leeds City Museum** to do some more study about the Ancient Egyptians. They were mature and sensible and enjoyed themselves on the trip and the journey there and back by bus. We know that when they start High School in September they will be able to handle their new journeys to school well.



The next three and a bit weeks of school are incredibly busy. Please help us by sticking to children's usual **bedtimes** as much as possible (tricky with light and warm nights, hayfever and lots of special events I know!) as they will be tired and cope less well with change and excitement when they are not fully rested. There are lots of ways to get involved too over the next few weeks and we are especially looking forward to Community Week which is coming up soon (see last page).

If you are around on Sunday, please come to see us as part of the **Headingley Open Gardens trail**. You can do the whole trail by picking up a map from Oxfam or HEART, but you could always just come to visit us between 2 and 5pm so that the children can enjoy telling the other visitors about our gardening and outdoor learning! Have a great weekend.

Did you know?

You can order new uniform items at the school office or put in a request there for the 'new to you' uniforms that FOSOPS wash, check and resell at bargain prices. Get ready nice and early for September!

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DIARY DATES

Sunday 28 th June	Headingley Open Gardens – we are on the trail! 2pm-5pm.
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day – children will meet their new teachers for September.
Friday 3 rd July	Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre (Egyptians topic)
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th July	Community Week including the Listening Yurt and painting the shed at HEART
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Sports Days times Y5/6 9:30 and Y3/4 1:30
Tues 7 th & Wed 8 th July	Leeds Listening Yurt comes to our school.
Wednesday 8 th July	KS1 Sports Day 9:30
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Thursday 9 th July	Elephants Tea Party and activity day (loss & bereavement)
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal for the other classes
Wednesday 15 th July	Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 th July	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16 th July	School disco? The We will have a disco before Christmas.
Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th July	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service 11 am St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Monday 20 th July	* The Pier Boys drama by Alive and Kicking (children only)
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.
Monday 7 th September	* TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 8 th September	* First day of the school year 2015-2016

* means added or changed since last newsletter

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, Janie Percy-Smith percysmithjanie@gmail.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

Community Week is the 6th – 10th July 2015

We have lots of great events planned already:

- Local **storyteller** Heather Sharpe working with all classes either in school or on The Ridge
- The **Listening Yurt** – a chance for children to spend time in a calm and special space, reflecting on their city, on journeys (of all kinds) and enjoying the water feature, etc. There should be a chance after school on Wednesday for children to show their parents the yurt.
- **Elephant's Tea Party** (Thursday afternoon). The staff have been learning about how to help children deal with (or prepare for) bereavement in a way that is sensitive and child-appropriate. Helping children to talk about loss and remembering (even of pets or toys) can help them to develop the language and ideas they may need at some point. We will be sending out more information, but wanted to give advance notice of the Elephant's Tea Party celebration towards the end of the Thursday. We will be asking if parents are able to help us provide some tea party food too. . .
- Year 5 will be working in their **project groups** over the next three weeks with different classes, schools and local organisations.
- 'Be a Cocoa Farmer' Leeds DEC working with Y3 and Y4.
- Global Advocates **exhibition**.
- Reception Class **art gallery**.
- **Sports Days**.
- Our **Eid/Ramadan** assembly.
- Community **singing**.
- **Litter** picking.
- Other events. Let us know of things you think of too!