

Dear Parents and Carers

In Monday's assembly the new **school councillors** for each class were introduced to school. They received their smart, new badges and looked very proud. We also announced the results of the schoolwide election for Vice Chair. The Vice Chair assists the Chair all year, learning the ropes ready to be the Chair in Year 6. Congratulations to Tom H in Y5 who is our new Vice Chair. Tom has only recently joined our school but he has obviously made a great impression already with both his impressive hustings speech and the positive way he conducts himself in school. Well done Tom!

We have just received another donation of a very large book token for **library** books, which we will be using to update our books about technology. All classes visit the library each week to choose books for information and pleasure. The children enjoy swiping them on the scanner, just like at the real library. The regular library days are: Reception – Monday, Y1 – Wednesday, Y2 – Thursday, Y3 – Wednesday, Y4 – Wednesday, Y5 – Friday and Y6 – Friday. Please make sure library books are in book bags for these days.

To help keep our library smart and easy to use and to help younger children learn how to use the library we have **pupil librarians**. These Y6 children have been chosen: Rohan, Tilly, Jonas, Annie, David, Amelia, Jago, Phoebe, Fatimah and Max. Well done and thank you to our librarians.



Children have been enjoying the **after school clubs** that have started this term. Watch out for letters about extra clubs as we add them. We are always interested in volunteers to run or help with clubs too – please speak to Marcelle Maver if you have any ideas.

← Rugby & Capoeira

Well done to **Reception Class** who got changed into full PE kit for the first time this week for PE. They were trying very hard to be independent and get themselves ready quickly. Thank you for naming all their clothes, shoes and pumps – it really does help with keeping track of everyone's belongings! They are all getting very independent now so feel free to say goodbye to them **in the morning** at the circle or the classroom door. Not only will they feel very proud but it will help with the squash in the morning so the children are more able to sort their belongings out themselves.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the **FOSOPS meeting** on Monday – both returning members and new faces. They have written:

On **Saturday 11th October** we will be gathering in Meanwood Park for **Woodland Activities** and a **BBQ** (weather permitting!). This is a free event for all children, parents, and friends of Shire Oak. It is a great opportunity for the children to socialise outside of school and for parents to get to know each other. Activities will start at 11am and we will aim to get the BBQ ready for around 12pm. We will set up the BBQ near the car park and activities will take place in the woods. Please join us for a fun afternoon (don't forget to bring warm clothes and wellies!).

The **next** FOSOPS meeting will be on Monday 20th October just after 9am in the Kidzone after school club room. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and/or help out at fundraising/social events.

Finally, we are looking to update our mailing list for the year - please share the FOSOPS email address to any parents/friends of Shire Oak who would like to be included (shireoakfosops@gmail.com) and ask them to get in touch.

Well done to this week's **Superstars** who were chosen by their teachers and the other adults who work in school.

Class	This Week's SuperStars
Reception (Thames)	Have started coming to assembly this week, but not in time for SuperStars assembly.
Y1 (Nile)	Ramona sets a good example by following instructions and Sam is always working hard and enjoying his work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Ted has worked hard to improve his learning behaviour and Stanley has settled into Y2 really well.
Y3 (Rhine)	Poppy has started Y3 with a mature attitude and Natalie has settled in really well and shown great learning behaviour.
Y4 (Ganges)	Kyle has done really well in maths and Coco has done some amazing work over the holidays.
Y5 (Tigris)	Ashton has shown good learning behaviour and Patty has been doing fantastic work at home and school and has improved in spelling.
Y6 (Amazon)	Seba tackles her work with diligence, has completed her Maths Passport and works really hard and Tara is switched on in science.

Braydon is Citizen of the Week because of the way he helped others in art.

Thanks for all your support and I hope you have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

The bike shelter and paving that has been built this week was in response to requests in the parents' survey. As well as keeping the bikes dry and making them less visible from the road, we hope it will also provide a few more points for children to be able to lock their bikes more easily. We strongly encourage families to lock bikes and scooters. Keys can be put in the valuables box at the start of the school day so that they are returned safely to your child at hometime. We hope to be able to build on the good numbers of children biking and scooting to school so far this year.

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 janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 1 st October	Geography Skills Day. If parents have contacts or skills regarding Geography, please get in touch!
Friday 3 rd October	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please join your child in class towards the end of the day, 2.40pm
Monday 6 th October	TRAINING DAY for staff. School closed to children. Staff will be working with teachers from the 4 Headingley primary schools on engaging learners.
Wednesday 8 th October	House Team Hobbies half day, pm
Thursday 9 th October	Individual and sibling photos. Please contact the office if there are siblings at Pre School you wish to have photographed together.
Friday 10 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am. All welcome. We collect non-perishable food for PAFRAS and Food Bank via St Michael's Church
Saturday 11 th October	FOSOPS (Friends of Shire Oak Primary School – our PTA) Woodland Walk and barbecue. All welcome, particularly new families. (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 15 th October	Meeting for parents in Reception to find out more about how we teach reading (including phonics). 2:15 for a 2:30pm start in the school hall.
Friday 17 th October	Year 1 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evenings until 6pm and 7pm respectively
Friday 24 th October	Year 2 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 24 th October *	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Reception Class please.
Friday 31 st October	Deadline for high school place applications
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM (Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme)
Monday 3 rd November *	Back to school. The provisional training day on this date has been moved.
Tuesday 4 th November	Homework projects due in (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 4 th November *	FOSOPS Fancy Dress Disco (Foundation Stage & KS1 and then
Thursday 6 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 7 th November *	TRAINING DAY. This is the date that replaces the provisional date given before. We will be working on growth mindsets and building confidence in maths.
Friday 14 th November	Year 3 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 21 st November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 26 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Friday 28 th November *	Year 5 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. Staff and students from Leeds City Academy will be available after assembly to talk to parents.
Friday 5 th December *	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. This is a change from the 7 th November.
Friday 5 th December *	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y1 please.
Wed 10 th to Fri 12 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas production, pm. (Dress rehearsal will be the day before)
Tues 16 th and Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas parties
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church , 10:30am All welcome
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan *	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 th January *	First day back at school
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 nd January *	Movie Night
Friday 23 rd January *	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 th January *	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February *	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)

Friday 27 th February	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	*	Parents' Evenings TBC (may be Wednesday and Thursday instead)
Friday 6 th March		Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	*	Year 4 Residential, Beverley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 th March	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 st May		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 th May		Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 20 th May		House Team hobbies afternoon
Friday 5 th June		Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 23 rd June	*	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	*	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 17 th July	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.

New or changed items marked with * (except the first calendar of the year)