

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you so very much for your support for our **Harvest Festival** this morning! As well as coming to watch the children share their learning and singing, we are very grateful for the food you have donated. That is now on its way to Rainbow Junktion and the local foodbank – thank you to St Michael's for arranging to take it there for us.

We are still open for nominations for the position of **parent governor** as explained in last week's newsletter. If you have any questions about the commitment or the process of becoming a governor, please do ask me!

We would like to invite all families – but particularly those who are new to Shire Oak – to our annual **Woodland Walk** that is coming up soon. This informal event is a good chance to chat while the children play and walk on The Ridge before returning to the school hall for a bit of a snack and a drink. We love that families at our school make such a good community for each other and help out where they can. If you have people who are happy to pick up your child if you are running late, you can let class staff know that they are on your 'always ok' list until you tell us differently. For one-off arrangements (e.g. visiting family from out of town) please let class staff or the office know who to expect at hometime and what your child would call them. This helps to avoid awkward waiting while we double check the arrangements with you.

Another way for parents and carers to support the school is by joining in with FOSOPS. **Friends of Shire Oak Primary School** is a registered charity run by a group of parents and carers who are passionate about supporting our school community and enhancing the children's learning environment.

Through fundraising events such as our summer fair, social events, bake sales, and other community activities, we raise money that goes directly back into improving the school. Thanks to the support we have recently funded the outdoor play equipment, replaced our outdoor picnic benches and refurbished the Year 1 playground area. Every penny FOSOPS raise is invested back into the school. (They also look to make applications for funding and have just been awarded an additional £3333 from the Coop after participating in their fundraising scheme!)



They also have a dedicated Green Team, who help keep our outdoor spaces looking their best - the next groundforce day is 11th October and would love to see you there if you can help out. If you want to get involved in any aspect of FOSOPS, we communicate mainly through our Whatsapp community and our @friendsofshireoakprimaryschool Instagram page.

FOSOPS is currently also looking for people who are interested in becoming a formal trustee for the charity too. Please let us know if you want to have a chat about this. Our next meeting is the AGM, where we will discuss future funding ideas and would love to hear your ideas. This will be in the school hall on Wednesday 11th November at 6:30-7:30. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to **Moortown Fire Brigade** for sending officers to talk to Year 5 and 6 about firework and bonfire safety – and for the extra excitement of rushing off to answer a call and then coming back to us!

Letters are going out next week about the **parents and carers consultation evenings** coming up soon. Please return the slip promptly with as many choices as possible to help us fit everybody in! I have also pasted overleaf a summary of the ways that we let you know about your child's learning throughout the year. Do ask if you have any questions about this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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How we keep you informed about your child's learning throughout the year

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Transition meetings: Y1 & Y3 Reception phonics meeting Parents Evenings Class update sheet, homework leaflet & times tables to work on given out Set up Tapestry for YR (and sometimes Y1) updates	Homework leaflet & times tables to work on given out Open Morning Times table tests & spelling info	Open Morning Class update sheet, homework leaflet & times tables to work on given out Reception maths meeting Give out mid-year report to parents (includes spelling scores & times table results.)	Homework leaflet & times tables to work on are given out Parents Evenings (with updated data, if appropriate) Times table tests & spelling info	Give out times table results Class update sheet, homework leaflet & times tables to work on given out	Homework leaflet & times tables to work on given out Times tables tests & spelling info Give out full end of year reports, including times tables and spelling scores with EYFS data (YR), Phonics results (Y1 plus Y2 retakes), SATs results (Y6) and multiplication check results (Y4) Drop in parents evening
In YR, Y1 and Y2 Stay and Play throughout the year can be the chance for informal chats.					
Class assemblies and performances throughout the year share what children have been learning.					

DIARY DATES

Sunday 4 th October	Families invited to St Michael's Church for their harvest celebration 10am (Donations of food will be for Rainbow Junktion and Food Bank)
Monday 5 th October *	Roman visitor in Y4 today
Tuesday 6 th October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 8 th October	After school local rugby tournament at Weetwood Primary School TBC
Friday 9 th October	Y5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Saturday 10 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk TBC
Sunday 11 th October	Groundforce Day to work in the school grounds 1-3pm s
Wednesday 14 th October	Y5 virtual Anglo Saxons history workshop with Durham University a.m.
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Thursday 15 th October	Y2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
Friday 16 th October *	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 2 for all families to buy from
Sunday 18 th October	Families invited to St Michael's Church for an all-age service (Creation/ The Environment)
Monday 19 th October	Y6 Viking Day in school
Wednesday 21 st October	Y4 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome

Wednesday 21 st October	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Friday 23 rd October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (Last day of term – have a good half term break)
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th October*	HALF TERM. A Camps will be running all week at school. Book here.
Monday 2 nd November	First day of the half term
Thursday 5 th November	Flu immunisations in school
Friday 6 th November	Diwali Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 11 th November	An Act of Remembrance will be held
Wednes 11 th November *	FOSOPS AGM in the school hall, 6:30 to 7:30pm
Thursday 12 th November	Individual photos day TBC (prints will be back before Christmas)
Friday 13 th November	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Wed 18 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 20 th November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Tuesday 24 th November	Headingley Lights Switch On at St Michaels TBC
Wed 25 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too)
Thursday 26 th November	Hanukkah assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 th November *	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 3 for all families to buy from
Mon 30 th Nov to 2 nd Dec	Robinwood residential school trip for Year 6 children
Wed 2 nd to 3 rd December	D:Side sessions on Internet Safety across school
Wednesday 9 th December	Nativity play dress rehearsals for KS2 to watch
Thursday 10 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play am
Friday 11 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity Play am
Tuesday 15 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am TBC
Tuesday 15 th December	School Christmas lunch (can be booked in advance)
Wed 16 th December	School Christmas disco night YR 3:45 – 4:45 movie night in classroom; Y1/2/3 3:45 – 4:45 disco in the hall; Y4/5/6 5-6pm disco in the hall.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas party day with party lunch and Christmas music performances by Chestra
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – have a good Christmas holiday. Acorn Club closes early today.
Monday 4 th January	First day of term
Thursday 7 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents (although current parents may attend too) s
Friday 15 th January	YR Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 20 th January	Parents and carers meeting about Y4 residential, 5pm. TBC.
Friday 22 nd January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 22 nd January *	FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 4 for all families to buy from
Monday 25 th January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 27 th January	YR and Y6 national measurement and vision checks
Friday 29 th January	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Lunar New Year theme. All welcome.
Tuesday 2 nd February	Y5 trip to York Chocolate Story
Tuesday 2 nd February *	Year 6 World War II day in school
Wednesday 3 rd February	Meeting about maths for YR parents and carers 1pm online TBC
Monday 8 th February *	Water Safety Assemblies by Canals and Rivers Trust TBC
Tuesday 9 th February	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale in the hall after school by FOSOPS
Thursday 11 th February	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 12 th February	Last day of half term – have a good half term break
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th February*	HALF TERM. A Camps will be running all week in school.
Monday 22 nd February	First day of half term – pupils back in school
Sunday 28 th February	Shire Oak Sunday, 10am at St Michael's Church. All welcome. TBC.
Tuesday 2 nd March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day including dressing up
5 th to 14 th March	British Science Week
Mon 8 th & Tues 9 th March	Hands On Science Workshops as part of British Science Week
Thursday 11 th March	After school local netball tournament hosted at Shire Oak TBC
Friday 12 th March	Science Fair in the hall during the day
Friday 12 th March *	FOSOPS bun sale after school run & supplied by Year 2 for all families to buy from TBC
Monday 15 th March	Weekly pizza club for Y6 starts this week

15 th to 19 th March	Easter visits to St Michaels Church TBC
Friday 19 th March	* FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 1 for all families to buy from
Tuesday 16 th March	Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Wednesday 17 th March	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Friday 19 th March	Comic Relief Day TBC
Wednesday 24 th March	Parents and carers consultation evening (you will book slots nearer the time)
Thursday 25 th March	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 31 st March	Y3/4 production dress rehearsal to the rest of school TBC (may move to week before)
Thursday 1 st April	Y3/4 production to families TBC (may move to week before)
Thursday 1 st April	Y5 trip to music day at Lawnswood School
Friday 2 nd April	* Last day of term. Have a lovely Easter holiday. Acorn Club closes early today.
Mon 5 th to Fri 16 th April	* EASTER HOLIDAY. A Camps will be running in school and the swimming pool will be back
Monday 19 th April	* First day of term
Monday 19 th April	Pop up pool swimming due to start TBC
Friday 23 rd April	Vaisakhi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 23 rd April	* FOSOPS bun sale after school run and supplied by Year 5 for all families to buy from
6 th to 7 th May	Y4 residential to Bramhope Scout Campsite TBC
Friday 7 th May	Y5 trip to Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility
w/c Monday 10 th May	KS2 SATs week (statutory tests – please avoid appointments, etc. this week)
Friday 14 th May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st May	Bikeability for Year 6. They have the strongest chance of achieving the proficiency standard if they have practised cycling in preparation. Cycle North often run sessions in school holidays for beginners
20 th /21 st May	D:Side sessions in school on substances
Tuesday 25 th May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 28 th May	* FOSOPS bun sale after school run & supplied by Reception for all families to buy from
Friday 28 th May	* Last day of half term
Mon 30 th May to Fri 1 st June	* HALF TERM A Camps will be running in school
Monday 7 th June	* First day of half term
7 th to 11 th June	Green Week with road safety activities, etc.
Wednesday 9 th June	RSE information meeting for Y5 & Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 10 th June	Class photo day
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 17 th June	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 18 th June	Non uniform day in return for prizes for the tombola at HYMF
Wednesday 23 rd June	Parents/ carers meetings for incoming Reception class morning and evening TBC
Saturday 26 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is a festival and summer fair we host for the whole community. Everybody in school is performing so we ask families not to schedule birthday parties, etc. to clash with it. Thank you!
Thursday 1 st July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome.
Friday 2 nd July	Orienteering Day Y5/6 Becketts Park; Y3/4 The Ridge YR/1/2 school grounds TBC
Wednesday 7 th July	Transition Day with Stay and Play sessions for new Reception Class. TBC
Thursday 8 th July	Music recitals 9:15am and 2pm
Monday 12 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 13 th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day 9:15am TBC
Tuesday 13 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 15 th July	Y5/6 productions afternoon and evening 5:30pm (ticketed) TBC
Tuesday 20 th July	Leavers' Service St Michael's Church 10:30 am
Wednesday 21 st July	Teachers available after school to discuss end of year reports
Thursday 22 nd July	Leavers' Bowling trip and last day of the school year.
DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

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