



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Very few things are certain in life, but the chance of **glorious warm weather** when children are sitting tests and exams is always high and is usually accompanied by a high pollen count and a surge in the number of spontaneous nosebleeds. The children have been enjoying the warm weather this week and I would like to say thank you to parents who have started applying **suncream**, sending **sunhats** in and checking that children have **water bottles**. Year 6 have done incredibly well this week, enjoying the camaraderie (and extra food) at breakfast club and showing what perseverance and a positive mindset look like in practice. They have all tried their hardest and kept going and we are very proud of them and all the staff who have taught and cared for them over their nearly seven years with us. I reminded them yesterday that their hard work is not over yet as we are still very much focused on preparing them for high school, ensuring their writing is of the highest standard and making sure they enjoy the various end of year activities that are coming their way.



Le Tour de Yorkshire may not have passed our school this year, but Year 3 did not let that stop them from producing great **land art** in Forest School recently. If only we could have chartered a helicopter or perhaps a drone for some aerial shots!



We have many good singers and performers at Shire Oak so I would like to let you know that **Opera North** are running auditions in June and July or children to join the Youth Company in September. Some of our former pupils have had great experiences singing with this prestigious company. Contact Marie Lemaire, Youth Company Manager, Opera North to be added to the auditions list: marie.lemaire@operanorth.co.uk

Hopefully the good weather will hold for Saturday when we are holding our **GroundForce Day**. Plenty of jobs are planned so it should be a fun and productive day improving our school environment. Thank you to all who have signed up – feel free to join us if you are free and not booked in (but consider bringing something for the barbecue in case we run out!) If you can't help on Saturday then we would love it if you could sign up to help at **Headingley Youth Music Festival** on Saturday 15th June... this incorporates our summer fair and is our big PTA event of the year as well as a great community event. Teachers have sign-up sheets in each class but let them know if you'd rather help with a different stall or contribution. Thank you very much.

I hope to see many of you on Saturday. Have a lovely weekend!

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DIARY DATES

Saturday 18 th May	GroundForce Day: Come and help spruce up our grounds & enjoy at BBQ 11-2pm
Mon 20 th & Tues 21 st May	D:Side drug, alcohol and medicine safety lessons
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 21 st May	Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards
Wednesday 22 nd May	The Big Sing – Year 6 perform with children from all of Leeds
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Thursday 23 rd May	Possible tri athletics tournament (TBC)
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Tuesday 4 th June	Lawnswood coming to visit new children at Shire Oak
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Tuesday 11 th June	YAMSEN choir rehearsal
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House and gardens TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 24 th June	Y6 visit to Leeds City College TBC
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week (including Ofrenda, Vicar and Imam assembly and trips to places of worship)
Tuesday 25 th June	YAMSEN choir performance
Wednesday 26 th June	The Big Play concert (Year 4 playing at Pudsey)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Filey TBC
Tues 2 nd & Wed 3 rd July	Lawnswood transition days for Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Friday 12 th July	Author visit to Y1? TBC
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Thursday 11 th July	Author visit to Year 1 (Yasmeen Ismail)
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
Wednesday 16 th October	Skylar's Missing Note music concert
Wednesday 6 th November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 19 th December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking)
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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 Hincliffe.

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.)