



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been good to have a full week in school! It has been a fairly quiet week as the Year 6 children have been sitting their **SATs** (the statutory end of key stage tests) but it was good to see Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents at Stay and Play this morning. We are proud of how Year 6 tackled the week, persevering well in all 6 papers, feeling well prepared and trying hard to show off their best learning. What was particularly pleasing was that although they enjoyed the special breakfast club (thank you volunteers!) and the sense of occasion, they have not been at all dramatic about it and are clear that this is just one of the things they do as part of their preparation for high school. Well done Year 6!

There has also been quite a lot of **illness** this week so it is a good time to remind children about hygiene messages such as covering their mouths/noses when they cough/sneeze and remembering to wash hands well after going to the toilet and before eating.

I was very pleased to be sent this great photo by one of our parents after the **rugby match against Bramhope Primary School** on Friday. As she said, Shire Oak played a very close match and one of the best she's seen this year so far. The score was 12-10 to Bramhope, so very close indeed. Thank you to the staff and parents who volunteer to train, transport and support our sports teams. This week particular thanks to everyone who enabled the football match to go ahead despite Mr Marshall's absence. The final score would suggest that they missed the pep talks by Coach Marshall though!



Have a good weekend!

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Don't forget dress up day for Reading Week on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May! Children can come as a **favourite character from a book** in return for a small gift for us to use in the tombola at the Music Festival please (e.g. bar of chocolate, small toy, bubble bath, etc.) We really don't expect children to come in bought costumes, in fact the ones where children have found ways of showing characters with things they find at home are often the best! Ideas include a spoon for George's Marvellous Medicine, a long cardigan to be a Hogwarts pupil in robes, pyjamas for Sophie in the BFG, football kit for books by Tom Palmer, etc. <http://goo.gl/riH4Nk> for more ideas... we just ask that they have read or are reading the book (not just seen the film!)

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Leeds Book Awards, book club trip (from Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Clean and BBQ
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June *	Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell visiting Year 5 and Year 6 for their space topic.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new Reception parents and children
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! THIS WILL PROBABLY MOVE
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y5/6 trip to Jodrell Bank coming back later to school that day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 trip to Magna
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring 30p)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1/2 trip to Filey coming back later to school that day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July *	Bikeability for Y6. They will be able to borrow bikes and helmets if necessary. We want as many children as possible to access the training and award.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July *	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July *	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine) Y5/6 Sports Day will be in the afternoon (if fine). This is a change to the previously published date.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter                      TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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, Julia Kelly [shireoakgovernors@gmail.com](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com) Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)