



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It is a fortnight since I last wrote a newsletter and we have managed to pack in so much:

Y3 & Reception joint building of bug hotels

The children really enjoyed working together to make habitats for minibeasts using the kind donations of materials from parents. The children worked in teams together (with very little adult help) to problem solve. It was a lovely opportunity for Y3 to demonstrate some of the skills and knowledge they have developed in Forest School this year.



Transition visits to new classes/ high schools

The children have been keen to find out about next year and worked hard to get off to a good start. Hopefully you received the letter last week about which class your child will be in next year.

Filming by a BBC TV crew.

We will appear in a slot on the Inside Out programme in September looking at moves to change schools into academies. They were talking to us because we would prefer to keep our relationship with the local authority if we can. Well done to Year 5 for being our gorgeous representatives.

Y5/6 trip to the coast.

Upper KS2 have been studying coastal erosion, so we went to Filey for the day to walk along the cliffs looking at the erosion features, and then enjoyed our lunch, a play on the beach and a paddle. The children were very knowledgeable and well behaved on their trip.

Eid assembly

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support this assembly. Thank you to every class for sharing their learning about Eid and Islam and especial thanks to Uwais, a former pupil from this school now at Abbey Grange, for coming to share the call to prayer and a special quiz he had made up – with prizes!

FOSOPS Toy Exchange and café

There was a lovely atmosphere at this event as children swapped their toys and families stayed for a drink, a bun and a chat. Thank you very much to FOSOPS volunteers, school council and children from Year 5 for working hard to pull it together.

Sport for Life activities

So far all the children have enjoyed skipping workshops and a special assembly, KS2 hockey workshops, lacrosse workshops and wheels days where children have brought in or borrowed cycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. to practise and show their skills in the playground. A few children have learned to ride a bike for the very first time. Thank you to Mrs Sue Bennett for organising our Sport for Life fortnight. We hope each child finds an activity they would like to continue with.

Y3 TRUST trip

Year 3 have been investigating the Shire Oak Christian value for Year 3 of trust, through learning about Belgian refugees evacuated to Leeds during World War 1 and through playing trust games on Woodhouse Moor. A great day that was enjoyed by all. (Photos overleaf.)



Headingley Cup

Shire Oak girls and boys played in the annual Headingley Cup tournament last week on a sunny evening at Leeds Beckett University. A fine time was had by all with our great team finishing sixth after almost doing an 'Istanbul' in one of the matches by showing a Liverpool-like spirit. Mr Marshall says the prospects for next season are looking good.



Y2 swimming

This afternoon Y2 are enjoying a well deserved inflatables fun session at the pool to celebrate their achievements this term. The whole class are now showing water confidence. 28 of them can now swim and 18 can swim 25 metres without armbands! They will be having weekly swimming lessons in Year 3 so they can build on this excellent foundation.

We have some very **talented and hardworking performers** in school who take part in theatre groups outside of school. Katarina (Y1) will be performing with WYP Youth Theatre as part of Open Season this Saturday (23rd July). →


<https://www.wyp.org.uk/events/courtyard-tales/>

Butterfly
30 July 2016

Tickets: £6 (£8 adults)
[Book online](#)

Main Auditorium: 2pm & 7:30pm

presented by **Carriageworks Young Theatre Makers**
and **Ruth Cooper**



A butterfly flaps its wings in Leeds and...

'How could I have known that was going to happen? How could I have stopped it?
Just stayed in my room all day, sat still? We can't ever know. We can't rehearse life'
A girl stands in a train station.
An argument. A slap.
Unimaginable consequences.

Butterfly is the latest original and thought-provoking production by our very own, very talented youth theatre:
The Carriageworks Young Theatre Makers.

Courtyard Tales



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More Information on Courtyard Tales
Join West Yorkshire Playhouses Youth Theatre as they perform *Courtyard Tales*.

Young people aged 5-19 will be performing original work in response to two Playhouse productions. We will be going into a world of stories as we share work with friends and family inspired by Sandell's *Into the Woods* and Robert Alton's *Retreat* adaptation of Barry Hines' *Fire*. Exploring the themes, characters and narrative of these shows we will take you on a theatrical experience devised by the young people in our Youth Theatre.

Venue: Courtyard Theatre
Duration: 80 minutes

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Olivia, Freya and Evie (Y6) are performing in a show called 'Butterfly' at the Carriageworks theatre the following Saturday (30th July) as part of Carriageworks Young Theatre Makers .

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/Carriageworks/Pages/Event.aspx?s=5584>



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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Toma for trying hard to use his phonics for writing. Raphe for wonderful progress in reading. Edie E for working hard on capital letters and full stops.
Y1 (Nile)	Bradley for trying to remember to use his phonics. Ubayd for trying harder with his Maths Passport targets. Sara for beautiful reading and fantastic drawings.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Elsie tries her best and writes great stories. Jamie is hard working and a kind friend.
Y3 (Rhine)	All of Y3 for being so respectful and quiet when working past the staff working in the office. Lydia for thinking like a journalist and asking open questions. Peter for his patience amongst other great interviewing skills.
Y4 (Ganges)	Miss Readman for remembering where Mr Marshall has left things in the classroom. Volunteer Megan for letting the children help her with her Maths Passport targets. Scruffles , the doorstop dog, for being very strong all year holding the door. (We all enjoyed these funny SuperStars this week.)
Y5 (Tigris)	Lola for her positive attitude. Leon is always polite and respectful.
Y6 (Amazon)	Mercedesz for her amazing progress due to her positive attitude. Freya who approaches everything with a big smile.
Citizen of the Week was Irish who was nominated by Kyarna for being a good friend, helping the younger children, looking after people on the buddy bench and always letting people who need a friend play in her games. Well done!	

I look forward to seeing many of you in our last full week as you support Sports Day (weather permitting) and Y5/6 End of Year Performance. I hope you were pleased with your child's report. If you have any questions or would like to discuss it, please remember our drop-in sessions after school on Wednesday until 4:30pm.

Have a great weekend!

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DIARY DATES

Monday 18 th July	*	Wheels Day for Y2 and Y3
Tuesday 19th July		Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Tues 19 th July		Year 6 production being shown to the children in school, 1:30pm
Wednesday 20th July		R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20th July		Y5/Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July		Optional drop-in parents/carers consultation evening to discuss reports
Wednesday 20th July		Y5 and 6 production to parents, 6pm. (Children come back to school about 5:40pm)
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd July		Bikeability training for Year 6 (Rearranged date due to production move)
Saturday 23 rd July	*	End of term old school disco at Headingley HEART for former pupils, parents, staff of Headingley Primary school and anyone else who wants to dance. See heartcentre website for details.
Thursday 21st July		End of year concert, 1:30pm
(Monday 25 th July)		Reserve date for Sports Day R/1/2 am and Y3/4 pm
Monday 25 th July		School holiday safety assembly with PC Jamie Wilkinson
Tuesday 26 th July		Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 26 th July		Reserve date for Sports Day Y5/6 pm
Wednesday 27 th July		End of year assembly and attendance certificates (for children only)
Friday 23 rd September	*	Shire Oak's 10 th anniversary community picnic in the afternoon
Tuesday 15 th November 2016		Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Thursday 12 th January 2017		Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March 2017		Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC
Saturday 10 th June 2017		Headingley Youth Music Festival and Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children performing at around 2pm.
* means added or changed since last newsletter		TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change