



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to the Reception and KS1 parents who joined us for **Stay and Play** yesterday morning. Particular thanks to the parents who filled in observations for the children's Reception Class Learning Journey diaries or who talked to us about **ways to help your child at home**. (There are some ideas in the Parents section of our school website www.shireoak.org)

This week has been our Anti Bullying Week. We have spent time in assembly making sure we know:

- What Bullying Is
- What Bullying Isn't
- What we do about Bullying – TELL!

I have attached some information about this to the end of this newsletter so that you can also talk to your child about it. Inevitably the younger children take a while to understand the difference between bullying and the occasional upset they have experienced, so don't be alarmed if they suddenly start using the word!

To help us understand about bullying, why people bully and the role of the bystander in bullying we had a **theatre production, Hope**, for Years 2 to 6. The children enjoyed the performance and KS2 joined in really well with the follow up workshops. We were complimented by the theatre company who said, "You can tell these children are used to theatre, they were engaged from the word go and they really got it!"



Our theme this year for Anti Bullying Week is **Shine a Light on Bullying** to get the message home that it is always important to tell. This year's reminder present was a little torch and School Council decided it would be fun to have an event in the hall where we uncovered a hidden message using our **torches** and then got to read by torchlight. Thanks School Council – we enjoyed it!



Yesterday Year 5 were visited by Bryony, a scientist from the **European Space Agency**. Inspired by Tim Peake's visit to space, the children took part in science experiments using UV light and even got to smell a comet. Thank you to Mr Marshall for arranging this exciting visitor.



I know many of you have been keen to help us improve the conditions for children walking to and from school, as well as for local residents by tackling **speeding and parking** issues. There is a **public meeting at 7pm at HEART on Tuesday** to discuss these issues and try to come up with a plan. It would be good to have school representation there. Thank you.

Finally, I hope to see you at the **FOSOPS café** this afternoon raising funds for the Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Fund and at **Shire Oak Sunday**. Don't worry if your child hasn't brought back the slip as they are all welcome to come and watch or take part at 10am, St Michael's Church. They do not need to wear school uniform.

Have a great weekend.

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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 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.)

DIARY DATES

Friday 3 rd February	Children's Heart Appeal Café in the hall, 2:30-4pm. TBC
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day

Thursday 9 th February	*	Shire Oak v Allerton Football match at home after school. Please support us!
Friday 10 th February		Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February		HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Wednesday 22 nd February		NSPCC assemblies
Thursday 23 rd February	*	Y4 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Monday 27 th February		Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wednesday 1 st March		NSPCC Y5/6 workshops
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March		Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 th March		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 th March		Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th March		Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 18 th March	*	FOSOPS Car Boot Sale TBC
Thursday 23 rd March		Y3 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Thursday 30 th March		Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March		Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April		School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Saturday 22 nd April		FOSOPS Car Wash fundraising TBC
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April		Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Thursday 27 th April		Y2 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 28 th April		Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May		BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May		KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Tuesday 16 th May	*	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Please note change of day)
Thursday 18 th May		Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 th May		Spring Clean and BBQ TBC
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May		Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May		Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June		HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June		Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June		Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th June		Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 st June		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June		Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 th June		Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Wed 28 th & Thursday 29 th June		Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 th June		Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th July		Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July		Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July		Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July		Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July		End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July		Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July		Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st 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

What is bullying?

Bullying is...

Physical

- Hurting someone
- Spitting on someone
- Pulling down clothes
- Fighting someone
- Kicking someone

Verbal

- Insulting someone
- Saying horrible things to someone
- Saying horrible things about someone to their face or to spread rumours
- Saying horrible things about someone's family
- Saying things to embarrass someone
- Laughing at someone
- Being sarcastic to someone

Emotional

- Copying or mimicking someone
- Never letting someone play a game
- Making threatening gestures to someone
- Giving dirty looks to someone
- Hiding someone's things
- Breaking and spoiling things that belong to someone
- Taking things from someone and hiding them or throwing them around
- Writing notes about someone and passing them around

Cyber

- Writing horrible things in texts or emails
- Writing bad things on someone's Facebook wall
- Making threatening gestures to someone
- Sending horrible photos and films by text or email



What is not bullying?

Bullying is not...

- Falling out with someone
- Playing a trick on someone
- Things that are an accident
- Protecting someone
- Sticking up for yourself
- Being too rough in a game

Our school rules are **BE KIND, BE SAFE** and some of these things might not be bullying, but are still not ok in school.

What can we do about bullying?

We can stop bullying by...

- Telling bullies to “stop it!”
- Telling a teacher or other school grown up
- Sharing nicely and letting people join in our games
- Maybe telling the bullies how it makes us feel
- Walking away and ignoring them so they get bored
- Playing near a grown up
- Writing it down and putting it in the Worry Box
- Telling Mrs Whitehead
- Telling Ms Devane
- Telling parents as well
- Telling friends



TELL!