



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 8
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Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a long half term but I am pleased to see that the children have been persevering with their learning and their attendance right up to the holiday. This week has been another busy week, even though the children are only here for four days. (Tomorrow the whole school staff team is having training on autism and then teachers are working on assessment and the core curriculum.)



Well done to the **girls' football** team that went to Lawnswood YMCA for a tournament after school on Tuesday. They played well and showed good promise. Thanks to the 3G pitch, they didn't even get muddy – despite the rain! Thank you to Mrs Sara Mitchell and Mr Chris Marshall for taking them.

Well done to Year 2 for being so well behaved and interested on their trip to the trains at **Whistlestop Valley** on Tuesday. Although it rained all day the children joined in well and did some great work to support their transport topic.



Tuesday had started with a great **assembly by Year 6**. They shared learning from English, maths, history, art and design, computing PE, French and their homework. The Vikings topic is clearly very popular with this class! This was the day after they had enjoyed a special session from LUFC as part of their work on PSHCE (personal, social, health and citizenship education).

Attached to this briefing is an **online safety newsletter** for parents that we send out to support you with keeping your children safe online at home. We hope it is helpful.

Thank you to FOSOPS for organising a **hot chocolate sale** for after school today. A great way to celebrate a long half term of hard work! FOSOPS will also be helping with refreshments at the **Winter Festival of Fire**, which is coming up soon. For those who don't know, the WFoF is a free, after school event to celebrate outdoor learning and the turning of the seasons. There are lots of free activities to do, but also the chance to purchase refreshments and new to you school uniform.

It was lovely to see the rest of you this week at parents' evening. I also appreciate the cooperation so many of you have given with solving the parking issues on Alma Road – it really does make it safer for all our children.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Elijah has been working so hard in phonics and trying so hard to write his name. Indya always contributes so well on the carpet and she has been trying so hard with her writing. Lennie always contributes interesting idea on the carpet. He also made a brilliant sculpture in art. Poppy is working really hard in phonics and joining in well on the carpet.
Y1 (Nile)	Imogen always tries her very best in writing and never rushes. Connie is super helpful and kind. She is a fantastic role model. Maisie worked hard on her little book about ice cream. Gabriel M'n showed great focus when making his little book.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Alfie tries his best in every lesson and makes valuable contributions. Quinn has been working hard to finish his work in time. He is developing a positive attitude to writing. Judith planned her book carefully to come up with an original and exciting story. Runa puts detail into her writing which makes it exciting to read.
Y3 (Rhine)	Eleanor is being very switched on, working hard and doing her best. Caleb is being very switched on, working hard and explaining his working beautifully. Jasper has shown great skill, speed and agility in PE this half term. Laura has been fast, enthusiastic and skilful in PE this half term.
Y4 (Ganges)	Robyn is a kind and thoughtful member of Year 4. She is always polite and is a fabulous role model. Stan always makes good, positive choices. He is a good friend and a fabulous role model. Karson worked really hard on his little book and remained focused – his focus this week has been brilliant too! Alice has written a fantastic little book.

Y5 (Tigris)	Lucas is performing consistently very well on the end of unit maths assessments. Amber has shown a good understanding of addition and subtraction. Emma's little book is really well presented. Austin produced a detailed plan for his little book.
Y6 (Amazon)	Heath is persevering with all his work to achieve success. Rhian is putting top effort into producing excellent work in Year 6. Florence always gives her best in all her tasks, even when things get tricky. Olo has been sharing his vast knowledge of our topic to help the class.
Citizen of the Week last week was Emily who was nominated by Dotty for being kind and following all the school rules as well as helping people when they are stuck. She is a good citizen. This week it was Austin who was nominated by Annabelle because he is always positive and giving in school and out of school.	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Photos from last week's **House Team Hobby Half Day** when we made miniature books. Some were shown in Superstars.



Well done to **Art Club** who made these impressive reliefs!

DIARY DATES

Friday 27 th October	TRAINING DAY. School is closed to children. Staff will be doing training in school.
<p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. School is closed to children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art Camp will be running a holiday club https://www.artcampuk.com</p>	
Thursday 9 th November	Homework due in for Years 1 to 6. (See leaflet for confirmation).
Friday 10 th November	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 10 th November *	FOSOPS meeting at 2:15pm to plan for Winter Festival of Fire
13 th – 24 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight. Includes drama workshops (KS2) on the 13 th
w/c 13 th November	YR trip to Pizza Express TBC
Thursday 16 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 family and friends welcome!
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Wed'day 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school in the grounds.
27 th November onwards	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
Tuesday 28 th November	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church TBC
Friday 1 st December	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
4 th to 6 th December	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Wednesday 6 th December	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom TBC
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 th and 15 th December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Tuesday 12 th December	Inter Schools football tournament hosted by Lawnswood School
Wed 13 th December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Wed 13 th December	School nurses to see YR and Y6
Thursday 14 th December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 th December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Wed'sday 20 th December	Christmas discos R/1/2 3:45-4:45pm and KS2 5:00-6:00 pm
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25th to Fri 5th January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church that many of our children enjoy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School is closed to children. Art Camp are measuring demand for a holiday club. Fill in their survey here.</p>	
Thursday 11 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Thursday 11 th January	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in YR/Y1/Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Tuesday 16 th January	Reception Class trip to Pizza Express (TBC)
Thursday 18 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Friday 19 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Friday 26 th January	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 30 th January	Y5 chocolate trip to York TBC
Friday 2 nd February	Lunar New Year Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
7 th - 9 th February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 th February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
Friday 23 rd February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Thursday 29 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 st March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 th March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
8 th to 17 th March	British Science Week

Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 th March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC
18 th to 20 th March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 28 th March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Monday 15 th April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 th April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 nd & 23 rd April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 th April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 rd May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
13 th to 17 th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
3 rd to 7 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 4 th June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Friday 7 th June	Y5 trip to recycling plant TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 th June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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

