

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a restful and fun half term break. The children seem a little refreshed and are hopefully coping with the clocks changing back.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the **Parent and Carers Consultation evenings**. It is always good to hear how you feel the children are settling in to their new classes and to discuss strengths, challenges and targets for the year ahead. There are now only a very small number of families we have not seen – if this is you, please make an appointment with your child's teacher this week. If you don't see them to make an arrangement then please leave a message via the office.

Thank you to **Year 4** for their fun and informative **class assembly** on the last day of the half term. We enjoyed seeing the wide range of subjects they have been learning and were able to share with us so confidently.

Thank you to the friends and family who were able to join us this morning for the **Divali Assembly**. It was good to see and hear the different ways children in school have been thinking about this festival and the Hindu and Sikh religions in different subjects. At Shire Oak we enjoy finding out about, and joining in with, the different celebrations of faiths represented in our school family. We also enjoy our own celebrations, like the **Winter Festival of Fire** which is coming up soon. If you have any good ideas for the festival, or can help in any way please let me, Mr Ian Martin or anyone in FOSOPS know. Thank you.



This Saturday is the
FOSOPS (Friends of Shire Oak Primary School)
Woodland Walk

With free BBQ and woodland activities.

A great chance to get to know each other near the start of the school year.

We will meet at 11 am on Saturday by the picnic tables near the car park entrance to Meanwood Park. We will enjoy some woodland activities together and then return to the picnic area by 12:30 for a free barbecue.

If it is raining badly enough that we need to cancel the event we will send out a text by 11 am.

(FOSOPS volunteers please arrive from 10:30. If your child is vegetarian or has a special diet please help by bringing some sausages they can eat. We will have a limited number of drinks, but water bottles for thirsty children would help. Thanks.)

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Alex is a great role model for the class. He always tries his best, is enthusiastic and shows great listening skills. Evan has been working hard with counting and number recognition.
Y1 (Nile)	Layton and Rachel worked really well to identify the points in our class book The Hodgeheg.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Violet consistently tries her hardest and works well in class and Rowan has an improved attitude to completing his class work.
Y3 (Rhine)	Layton and Rachael have worked really well
Y4 (Ganges)	Benji has worked well with his partner to demonstrate maths and so did Ibrahim .
Y5 (Tigris)	Marcus approaches each subject with top attitude and focus. Katie has a positive attitude towards her maths work.
Y6 (Amazon)	Jack shows determination to achieve tasks which he may find tricky and Mercedesz is always enthusiastic and a diligent worker.

Yesterday our **House teams** met together to discuss what they would like to do for **Children in Need** day next week. There were lots of great ideas, but the most popular idea was to dress up. School Council have therefore decided to ask children to dress up and bring in a donation of £1, if possible. Children may dress up as any **hero** that inspires them or they look up to, so it could include firefighters, nurses, doctors, inspirational figures in history like the Suffragettes or Martin Luther King, for example. Please don't go out buying costumes, nor do we expect fancy sewn costumes. A white shirt to be a doctors' coat or a hat is absolutely fine!



I hope you have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

Applying for free school meal eligibility helps the school because we get extra Pupil Premium grants. The child can still have a packed lunch.

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.)

School places-it's time to apply!

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2016 you should **apply** for a place from 1 November 2015. The deadline for applying is 15 January 2016.

Even if your child is attending a school nursery or other early years' provision or you have children at school already you **must still apply** for a place.



You can **apply** on-line at www.leeds.gov.uk or you can request a paper form at your nursery or local primary school.



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

DIARY DATES

Friday 6 th November	*	Football match Holy Family (Armley) v Shire Oak in the Leeds and Holbeck Cup.
Saturday 7 th November		Woodland Walk and activities. 11am at Meanwood Park. Free BBQ.
Sunday 8 th November	*	Headingley Litterati Neighbourhood Clean Up. A group of local people are meeting outside the Kirkstall Road entrance to the stadium at 12 noon to do a litter blitz on nearby streets. Email: litteratiheadingley@gmail.com Definitely bring an adult, bring litter pickers and gloves if you have them.
Wednesday 11 th November		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 11 th November		Meeting about maths for new Reception parents/carers. 6pm.
Friday 13 th November		Children in Need day. Dress up as a hero who inspires you for £1.
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th November		Anti Bullying Week 2015. <i>Make a Noise About Bullying</i> is the theme this year.
Tuesday 17 th November		Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 17 th November		Open Evening. 6pm. Prospective parents/carers of Reception intake 2016 welcome.
Thursday 19 th November		Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 19 th November		'Bullied' theatre show and workshops, afternoon
Friday 20 th November		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 25 th November		Festival of Fire, straight after school
Friday 27 th November		Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 4 th December		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 5
Monday 7 th December	*	Carol Singing at Victoria Court, a.m.
Wednesday 9 th December		Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativity productions.
9 th – 11 th December		Year 6 Residential to Robinwood, Todmorden.
Friday 11 th December		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Tuesday 15 th December		Christmas Carol Service, 10:30am. St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wednesday 16 th December		Christmas Discos. KS1: 4:30 – 5:30 and KS2 5:45 – 6:45
21 st December – 1 st January		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 th January		TRAINING DAY – TBC
5 th – 8 th January		Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 th January		Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Thursday 14 th January		Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 15 th January		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 20 th January		House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 nd January		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Thursday 28 th January	*	Football Match Shire Oak v Weetwood - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 29 th January		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
1 st -5 th February		STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week. TBC
Thursday 4 th February		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Tuesday 9 th February		FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 th February		Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February		HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Thursday 3 rd March		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 th March		Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 th March	*	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 th March		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 th March		Geography Day
Wednesday 23 rd March		Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th March		TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March		Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April		Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 th – 15 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 th April		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 nd May		BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May		KS2 SATS week

Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 27 th May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change

Fancy Dress Day for BBC Children in Need

Date and time

Friday 13th November
all day

Location

Shire Oak
(£1 suggestion)

Theme

Heroes who inspire us

For more information or
to get involved contact

School Council

Here's how the money you give could help disadvantaged children and young people right here in the UK.

£7

means a deaf boy who has been in and out of hospital can enjoy hands on activities at an outdoor survival skills day

£2

means an 11-year-old boy with autism can develop his co-ordination and confidence at a trampolining session

£20

means a 10-year-old girl who normally looks after her sick mum and little sister can take a break at a summer playscheme and have fun with friends





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