



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very, very much for the generous donations you sent in for our **Harvest Festival** this morning. The food made a great display, helped the children to understand the tradition of harvest festivals and is being collected today by St Michael's Church. They will add it to their harvest festival collection and then pass the collection on to the local food bank and to PAFRAS.

We know from previous years that these donations make a real difference to families in our area. Thank you also to everyone who joined us this morning for our special assembly – it is great for the children to have a real audience. We were particularly impressed with Reception Class and their contribution as they have only started coming to assembly in the hall this week!



Thank you also to the families and carers (including Pam from Kidzone) who joined us for **Stay and Play** yesterday. It was good to see the children showing you their classroom and sharing activities with you.

Do you have any **firewood?! We are holding our first Shire Oak bonfire night event on Saturday 5th November and we would like to have a bonfire to remember. We are looking for nail-free, non-treated wood and we would welcome all donations or good contacts for firewood. Please deliver any wood to the fire circle in front of Pre School or speak to us about larger drop-offs/collections.**

Rugby Match Report by Marcus and Matthew, Year 6

On Friday 7th October, Shire Oak Primary rugby team, led by Matthew, played a strong Woodlesford team away in East Leeds. The first half was made of fast, frantic and furious football (rugby football)! It involved stunning performances from Marcus, Freddie and Lewis. Though the match was a friendly, the first half was filled with a competitive atmosphere, the score at half time being 3-2 to the visitors.

But that soon changed when the home side scored another nine incredible tries, making the score 3-11 to Woodlesford. Shire Oak didn't score in the second half, but they did put up a good fight, pushing forward as much as they could making it as hard as possible for Woodlesford.

The match was a debut for Lola and Noah B, who played very well along with their teammates.

All in all, against an experienced side, the team have started the season in style.

The players' Player of the Match: Lewis (Y5)

(Mr Marshall and Mr Martin – this match report gives your usual offerings a run for their money!)

Lydia Virgin writes: A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave blankets and tea for me to take to Calais. I lost all my photos - but it was all **very** much appreciated... in fact there was a cheer when the blankets arrived! You probably know that the jungle is about to be destroyed - causing chaos, homelessness and the 'disappearance' of unaccompanied children. If you need up to date info <http://www.helprefugees.org.uk/> is a good place to look. Every loving act, however small, is worthwhile. 😊 Lydia

Do you know anyone with a **child born between the 1st September 2012 and the 31st August 2013**? They are due to start in Reception in September 2017 and should be applying online between 1st November and the 15th January 2017. More information can be found at <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Admissions>

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class. All the children this week have been chosen for demonstrating a particularly high standard of handwriting for their year group and will have their work displayed near my office.
YR (Thames)	Emily can write her name very well.
Y1 (Nile)	Coco is forming her letters correctly.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Sara writes with neat handwriting, correctly forming letters with care.
Y3 (Rhine)	Felicity excellent handwriting and presentation.
Y4 (Ganges)	Rosie always presents high quality work.
Y5 (Tigris)	Phoebe for her beautiful Y5 handwriting and presentation.
Y6 (Amazon)	Niamh because the presentation of her work is always amazing!
Citizen of the Week was Rowan in Y3 who was nominated by Year 2 for being a good role model and helping Edwin in assembly. Well done!	

I look forward to seeing you all at **Parents and Carers' Consultation Evenings next week**. Virtually everyone has signed up for a slot now. If you haven't yet done so, or need to arrange a different day/time then please contact the office asap. This is a really important chance to discuss how well your child has settled into their new classes and to think together about how to help them achieve their best. This year we are trialling Year 5 and Year 6 children being more involved in their appointments so that together school, child and parent(s) can decide the best way to progress in learning. If, however, you have something you need to talk about privately with the teacher then let us know and your child can join the appointment after a few minutes.

Have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

Mrs Taylor's apple crumble on roast dinner day this week was made with apples from our orchard. Delicious!

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.)

This year FOSOPS are holding their first ever friendly bonfire night event. This family friendly occasion will include a big bonfire and hot food from 3-5pm. We have timed it so that there is time to go on to larger fireworks displays for families who are planning to do that, but that it will be dark enough and exciting enough for families with younger children who will want to go home afterwards. (Leeds City Council displays are on the Friday night.)



We are now collecting firewood (dry, no nails, paint or chemical treatments) which can be brought to the fire circle near pre-school (or speak to us about delivering larger quantities!) Volunteers are needed to cook food, etc. This is a great opportunity for new families to get to know other Shire Oak families so please do come along!

Saturday 5th November 2016

DIARY DATES

Tues 18 th & Wed 19 th Oct	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Wednesday 19 th October	Flu immunisation Years 1, 2 and 3.
Thursday 20 th October	Year 4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 21 st October	Bun sale at playtime
Mon 24 th to Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM. School closed to children – Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 31 st October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children. We will be working on maths with the other Headingley primary schools.
Saturday 5 th November	Bonfire at school. 3-5pm with hot food, glow sticks, etc. A lovely small scale
Mon 7 th to Fri 11 th November	Green Week – a themed week about the environment. All good ideas welcomed!
Wednesday 9 th November	House Team Hobby Half Day
Tuesday 15 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Monday 14 th November	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition at Prince Henry's school in Otley. 4.45-6pm. Monday 14 th Nov 4.45-6.00pm
Thursday 17 th November	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 18 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 rd November	Festival of Fire after school
Thursday 24 th November	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (TBC)
Friday 25 th November	d:side Internet Safety sessions for KS2
Mon 28 th Nov to Fri 2 nd Dec	Internet Safety week in school
Thursday 1 st December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 th December	Dress rehearsal for the Reception and KS1 Christmas nativity productions
Wednesday 7 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities.
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th December	Robinwood Residential for all Year 6 children
Tuesday 13 th December	School carol service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. 10:30am.
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Mon 19 th Dec to Mon 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 3 rd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Friday 13 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 th January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
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
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.
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
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!
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.)

