



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to welcome both current and prospective parents to our **Open Morning** this week. We choose to hold this on an ordinary school morning and ask all of Year 6 to act as tour guides to show families round school. We think this gives a true picture of school and I was so proud to hear the lovely comments from our visitors. They all said it was impressive how confident and informative our children were... we were not surprised to hear that, but it is lovely nonetheless to get such good feedback. If it is a while since you have been to look round school or if you weren't able to in the year of COVID restrictions, please do come to our next one in January. (There is also an online tour of school made by previous Year 6s if you can't get to us during the day.) Thank you very much to the parents who volunteered yesterday to serve refreshments and talk to our visitors to let them know more about Shire Oak.

Well done to **Year 5** for their **great assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed finding out about your Anglo-Saxon topic, your science learning and your music-making! I think we now all know the answer to 'Are the parents smarter than a Year 5 child?' Thank you to everyone who was able to come and share their learning this morning.

Year 4 have had a very special **Roman visitor** today. As this goes to press the children are immersing themselves in Roman life with great artefacts and acting to bring the topic to life.

Unfortunately, we have had some pretty **wet weather** recently. You will now we try to get outdoors, whatever the weather, so please make sure your child has a coat (with hood or hat) and sturdy footwear each day. Gloves are also helpful for colder days. We continue to ventilate in classrooms, whilst also trying to heat them up so making sure children have enough layers and always have a jumper or cardigan is very helpful. (During our **fire drill** practice this week one or two children were in short sleeves which is not ideal at this time of year!) In the mornings we try to keep to our usual routine as much as possible: arrive from 8:30, ready to go to circles at the 8:50 bell. Families who arrive before 8:50 are welcome to shelter outside the Community Room or the Y1/2 cloakroom where there are canopies. Very occasionally the weather is so bad that we need to alter the way we come in. Previously we used to go to the hall, but this is crowded and noisy and leaves the floor very wet for assembly and PE! We are, therefore, going to trial the following system:

- If it is very, very bad weather you will receive a text message.
- On these days, please try to avoid arriving too early.
- We will still ring the bell at 8:50 (from Y2) but children can go straight into class.
- The doors may be open a little earlier so children can go straight to classrooms when they arrive. (Please do not arrive before 8:40 though as staff need to be able to set up the learning space for the day.)

Thank you, as ever, for your cooperation in making sure our children feel safe and secure at school.

On Wednesday this week it is the **Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On**. This is always a great community event that lots of our families attend. We can arrive at St Michael's Church from 5:15pm. We will sing inside church from about 5:30 to 5:50pm. We then go outside for maybe another carol and to countdown to the light switch on at 6pm. We are then all welcome to back inside the church for refreshments. The children in choir have started practising carols, but all our families are welcome to join in with the event as it is not at all formal.

Please find this month's **online safety newsletter** attached to this email along with a reminder about our Reverse Advent Calendar and a new group being run By Headingley Children's Centre.

Have a great weekend!

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TUTTI! LEEDS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND PRESENT:  
**CHRISTMAS 2022**  
2nd December 2022 6:30-8:30pm  
ST MATTHIAS CHURCH, BURLEY, LS4 2DZ  
including: Prima! Vivo Jazz Band and Headingley & Kirkstall Combined Schools Band.

LEEDS COMMUNITY  
**Tutti!**  
CONCERT BAND

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November *	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On at St Michael's with Shire Oak choir 5-15pm PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE 
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Residential at Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Group from choir singing at Victoria Court care home
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing at Wheatfields Hospice (a group from choir)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performances am and pm. FOSOPS will serve lattes and pastries before the first performance and mince pies with the second performance.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club visit to Leeds Playhouse production of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Advent Window day as part of the local Advent Calendar
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing and crafts at Grove Park Care Home (Year 4 or choir TBC)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Group from choir singing at Headingley Hub
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner (children on packed lunches can book this in advance via office)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December *	Christmas Disco KS1 3:45 to 4:45pm KS2 5:00 to 6:00 pm. (No Reception class this time)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Alive and Kicking Theatre in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January. School closed to pupils.	
TRAINING DAY. Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Welcome back to the spring term!
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day. TBC
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class 'How we teach maths' meeting 2:15pm TBC
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Group to attend Youth Summit in the Civic Hall and museum
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Local MP Alex Sobel visiting Y2
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February *	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March *	Movie Nights TBC Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March. School closed to pupils.	
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to 14 <sup>th</sup> April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed. It is not yet announced what will happen to the SATS timetable this week.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome. This date is likely to change due to the BH
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) <a href="https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children">https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children</a>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and team photos
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a>	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.	

**Santa PAWS**

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service

**£3** charity donation inc. a gift!

Bring the family to Santa's grotto, dogs and fancy dress welcome 🐾

📅 Saturday 10th December

🕒 From 11:00am

📍 Moortown Fire Station  
Stonegate Rd, LS17 6EJ

Fireside KS9

The Fire Fighters Charity