



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It was so lovely to see the families who joined us for the **Woodland Walk** on Saturday. The weather was kind and we had a good walk in the woods, a chance to get to know other members of our community and then a snack back in the school hall. Thank you to the older children who helped with the challenges, the staff who attended and to FOSOPS for sorting out the refreshments for this event. Thanks also to FOSOPS for organising a **'new to you' uniform sale** before school on Wednesday. We hope that by offering uniform on a pay as you feel basis we can keep costs down and make a contribution to the environment by recycling clothes that still have good wear left in them.

Well done to our **netball** and **football** teams who both played matches after school on Thursday. Last year the football team started the season by losing to Beecroft and cheerfully going on to win the rematch later in the season. As



this year has started the same way, let's hope the end of season result is similar! Despite a last-minute breakdown of the minibus, the very newly formed (never played before!) netball team set off to St Mary's Menston for a 'Try Netball' session. It was good to hear they had enjoyed enthusiastically learning some challenging new skills. (Photo overleaf) Thank you to Mrs Sara Mitchell, Mr Chris Marshall, Mr Alun Davies and Mr Lawrence Nash for taking them.



Well done to **Year 3** for their lovely class **sharing assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed finding out about their Forest School adventures and their work on their class book, 'Fortunately the Milk' as well as all the learning in other

subjects. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support them.

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)	Lamar tried so hard and persevered to make a pattern. Frankie R made an amazing complicated pattern. She was also great at spotting mistakes in the teacher's pattern.
Y1 (Nile)	Cora is very focused and independent in our maths sessions. Josh always taken on a challenge in his maths.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Matilde has shown the most improvement in maths. Marnie sets a high standard in maths.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lucas is presenting his maths neatly using drawings to support his work and calculating successfully with 3 digit numbers. Constance is presenting her maths neatly, using drawing to support her work and calculating with 3 digit numbers.
Y4 (Ganges)	Alice H is working hard in maths using manipulatives to help her. She is becoming increasingly independent when solving tricky sums and problems. Coco always works hard and perseveres in maths. She always presents her maths work neatly and tries her very best.
Y5 (Tigris)	Iris is beginning to show a degree more confidence in maths. Poppo's thoughtful and precise approach to maths sets a high standard for others to follow.
Y6 (Amazon)	Bethan is working to a very high standard for Y6 in her maths. Seth is showing constant progression in all his maths work.
Citizen of the Week last week was Ellie who was nominated by Kai for being kind, independent and a switched on Shire Oak learner.	

I am very pleased that we have had good interest expressed in becoming part of the school governing body. As we have three parent governor vacancies and four candidates, we will now hold a **parent governor election**. At the end of this newsletter I have pasted the statements from all of the candidates. To vote, please return the ballot form to school as soon as possible, but definitely by Monday 6th November. The guidance from the governor unit is that we should work to make sure that the votes are identifiably from parents/carers at our school. In order to do this, but to keep your vote private,

please put the vote in an envelope with your name and the name of your child on (please see the instructions on the ballot form). We will then separate and discard the envelopes before counting the votes. There are ballot forms and envelopes available in the school foyer if you need them.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jane Astrid Devane

Jane Astrid Devane

janead@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk



DIARY DATES

Monday 16 th October	Tennis day in school
Tuesday 17 th October	Cross-Country festival in Otley (a team from Y4) pm
Tuesday 17 th October	Y5 online Anglo Saxons experience
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 19 th October	Nasal flu immunisations
Thursday 19 th October	House Team Hobby Half Day in the afternoon (British Library project)
Monday 23 rd October	Leeds United working with Y6 from 9:30am TBC
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 26 th October	FOSOPS hot chocolate and cake sale after school in the hall, TBC
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!
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!
Friday 17 th November *	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. This will be rescheduled. Apologies for the clash.
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.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS FROM PARENT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES
(All candidates live in LS6)

Kate Wright

My name is Kate Wright and I have been serving as a parent governor for the last 4 years and would love to continue for another term. I feel I have learnt a lot in the first 4 years and have made a lot of positive input into the governing body. I have served on the Resources Committee and Children's Centre Advisory Board as well as being the overseeing governor for Pupil Premium and sports grants. I attend many school events and often help out when extra hands are required such as carol singing, school trips and open mornings.

I have three children in the school in years 6, 4 & 2 and have two other children who have left the school to go onto high school, therefore I feel I have a wide understanding of the parents perspective of the school.

I have previously worked in financial services however have recently returned to my career in the Television and film industry as well as running Baby Basics Leeds, a local baby bank as a volunteer.

I love being a part of the Shire Oak community and hope that I will be re-elected so that my work on the governing body can help the school to continue to thrive.

Laura McCullagh

I live locally with my husband and two children, Ashley (4) and Daphne (1). Ashley started in Reception this September and we have been so grateful for the thoughtful and caring start Shire Oak has given him.

I love living in Headingley and enjoy making the most of everything the area has to offer, especially the beautiful green spaces and walking routes such as the Meanwood Valley Trail.

I have over 15 years experience working in a range of Public and Third sector organisations and recently started a new role as Improvement Advisor at the Leeds and York Partnership Foundation NHS Trust. Before this I specialised in mental health and workplace wellbeing at Leeds Mind.

I am an experienced trainer, facilitator and mediator and am a naturally reflective and analytical thinker. Further I am positive, collaborative and supportive and love working with others to solve problems and make changes. It would be a privilege to bring my varied experience, skills and qualities to the Shire Oak Governors team.

Charlie Stobbart

I currently have two children, attending Shire Oak, in Year 6 and Reception. I have another daughter who is now in Year 8 at secondary school who attended Shire Oak too.

I am an experienced Senior Leader and Safeguarding Lead and have worked in a variety of roles in both Specialist and Mainstream Education settings. I currently run a charity which supports young people experiencing difficulties in education.

I truly believe that all children should have the opportunity to access a wide variety of experiences in a safe and nurturing environment to develop their skills and aspirations for their futures. Both my girls have benefitted from the range of opportunities available to all children at Shire Oak and have been supported by the staff here to access these. I know that my little one, starting his journey at Shire Oak, has all this to look forward to.

Having been a Parent Governor for the last 4 years I have seen the wonderful work the team here do to meet the needs of our children and I would like to use my skills and experience to continue to support and challenge the leadership team as part of the Governing Board.

One more statement overleaf →

Caroline Dilloway

With a keen interest in inspiring pro-active contribution to a brighter (social, economic, environmental) future, I believe the narratives shaping young minds, and ultimately their approach to the world, are heard and hard-wired from their earliest years in education.

As Managing Director of a branding, design and communications agency with global clients and a growing team of 45 people in London and Leeds, I'm passionate that children can benefit from early exposure to future careers in business, the creative industry and entrepreneurialism.

Within my role, I frequently work with university students, new graduates and young entrepreneurs to coach on portfolios and business plans to stand them in good stead as they enter the commercial world.

I'm a proud Mum to an 8yr old daughter, and Auntie to a 'tribe' of her cousins. As a family we believe in equality and inclusivity, frequently conversing to expose damaging stereotypical portrayals and discuss ways better outcomes could be expediated. I feel that, if empowered to do so, children in primary school today (aka. Gen Alpha) will have the capacity to instigate crucial changes in equality by demanding attitudinal pivots.

I'd love to bring these values and experiences into Shire Oak as a Parent Governor to help influence tomorrow's leaders during their formative years.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR(S) - BALLOT FORM

SCHOOL NAME: _____SHIRE OAK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL_____

INSTRUCTIONS

EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN SHOULD COMPLETE ONLY **ONE** BALLOT FORM

- 1. You may vote for no more than _____3_____ candidate(s).
- 2. Please mark an **X** against the candidate(s) you wish to vote for
- 3. Parents/guardians should seal their ballot papers in an inner, unmarked envelope which should then be sealed in an outer envelope signed on the back by the voter or voters. Voters should also **PRINT** their names below the signatures. This procedure is used in order that the school can identify which parents have voted and therefore a parent does not vote twice. If the school can identify which family the ballot form is from then it can be accepted.
- 4. Ballot papers should be returned to the school by ____Monday 6th November 2023_____
- 5. The counting of votes will be held at the school on ____Tuesday 7th November 2023_____

Put a cross in this box against the candidate(s) you are voting for

Kate Wright	
Laura McCullagh	
Charlie Stobbart	
Caroline Dilloway	