



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Well done to **Reception Class** who have been on their very first school trip. They all enjoyed the walk to **Pizza Express**



and made some great pizzas with clean hands and good cooking skills. We are proud of how sensible they were listening to instructions and staying safe on their journey.



Our **school website** is www.shireoak.org You will find lots of useful information here, including our Pupil and Parent handbook, a calendar of dates and archive copies of the newsletter. (See Parents' page). We have also uploaded our curriculum newsletters for reference. The homework leaflets can be found on the pupil class pages. This is also where you will find a link to the [Reception Class blog](#).

to FOSOPS please.)

Well done to **Year 6** today who hosted a **bun sale** at morning break that raised £43. There were lots of enthusiastic volunteers to help selling the wares that had been brought into school. Thank you for your support as we try out this new way of doing bunsales. (Feedback

Thank you to Jackie Vollans and volunteer Amy for organising and running a smooth school photo morning. You will be getting your proofs very soon. If your child came home from with a barcode, you will be able to view pictures online.

Class	This week in Superstars assembly each year group sent pieces of maths work that showed a great level for the class to aim for and pieces that showed the most improvement. Well done to these children for being chosen:
YR (Thames)	At Pizza Express that morning!
Y1 (Nile)	James is smiley and positive and Anna is kind and generous.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Have been working very hard and trying their best.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lily Rose is consistent in her work and is always polite and courteous and Noah has made a good effort and is doing well with his written work.
Y4 (Ganges)	Roman always explains his thinking in maths and Imana has written a brilliant introduction.
Y5 (Tigris)	Theo has chosen engaging vocabulary for his persuasive writing and Kaisha is working hard on her handwriting target.
Y6 (Amazon)	Oscar listens well and does everything well. Evie puts 100% effort into her learning.

Citizen of the Week is Kera in Year 6, who was nominated by Susan Koyuncu in the office for the kind and patient way she has been looking after the young Reception children.

Ian Martin writes: "It's been an inspiring week of rugby here in Headingley - and we don't just mean Rhinos' dramatic run to the Grand Final this coming Saturday! There are now 28 boys and girls from years 4, 5 and 6 regularly attending after school training sessions on Tuesdays and this week Y6 members of the club have started non-contact rugby skills sessions on the playground at break and dinnertime with KS1 children. This gives the KS1 children a great introduction to



the skills of the game and gives the Y6 children an opportunity to be positive role models whilst passing on all they have learned since starting the club in Year 3. Year 3 rugby club starts in the summer term.

Last week also saw the first matches of the season for the Year 6 team as they travelled down to Rhinos' training ground in Kirkstall to take part in a rally with other Leeds schools. As the team grew in confidence, their teamwork, ball handling and tackling improved so that they finished the 4 game event with 2 wins and a very proud feeling to take home. Particular mention for confident debuts by Tom and Siraj as well as Aaliyah for another outstanding performance that drew positive comments from opposition coaches. A great start to the school rugby league season."

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Thanks for all your support – particularly in getting tired children to school on darker mornings!

I hope you have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

That the SENCo, Sara Mitchell, is always happy to talk to parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities. When you return your parents' evening slip please indicate that you would like to see Sara. She will be offering daytime slots on Wednesday and Thursday as well as some evening slots.

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.)

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 14 th October	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 15 th October	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 15 th October	Cricket in the Classroom trip to Headingley, Y6
Friday 16 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am. All welcome. We will be collecting food donations.
Tues 20 th & Wed 21 st October	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 22 nd October	Movie Night
Friday 23 rd October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children. Child Protection refresher training.
26 th - 30 th October	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme.
Saturday 31 st October	Deadline for applying for high school places (current Y6). You can book an appointment with the office staff to help with this if, for example, you can't get online
Friday 6 th November	Divali Assembly, 9am, whole school. Friends and family welcome.
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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.
Thursday 12 th November	Geography Quiz Day
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need day. (School Council will decide what we are going to do.)
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.
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 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.
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 11 th March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
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
Wednesday 25 th May	Geography Mapping Day
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.
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

Have you returned your parents' evening appointment slip? If you can't make those dates, please arrange another time with your child(ren)'s class teacher(s). Thank you!