



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been so good to be back to school this week! Children have seemed **switched on** and ready for the new year, showing great attitudes to learning and settling in well. It has been delightful to start getting to know our **new Reception Class** who have been making friends and getting to know the staff, the classroom and the outside area. Today they are staying for lunch for the first time (with some help managing plates and finding the way back to class from their Year 6 buddies) and from Monday they will be attending full time.



Although we can now start having **assembly** together in the hall (sat in our separate class groups) we are still making good use of our field whenever we can. It was lovely to all gather on Tuesday morning to say thank you for the new school year and what it will bring. (Reception Class start joining us for assembly when they are more settled in.) We continue to use our **outdoor spaces** as much as possible and it helps if children have the correct **footwear and clothing** for that. Using the field at lunchtime gives us more space to spread out, but as the weather gets damper, school gets muddier! To help, please make sure that KS2 children either bring pumps to wear indoors or spare outdoor boots/shoes to wear when they are on the field. It helps if these can stay in school. Reception Class bring wellies to school that they leave on the trolley. We continue to **ventilate** well in school and this can mean that classrooms are chilly on cold or windy days so please bear that in mind when children are dressing. (When it gets very cold we will, of course, permit additional outer layers like coats and fleeces.)

This week has seen the launch of our **Scrap Shed** that FOSOPs fundraised for. Each class has spent time today getting to know the materials in the shed. They have been playing, making structures, experimenting and getting creative with the reclaimed objects. We are looking forward to Scrap Shed being part of our lunchtime and playtime provision, as well as being able to use it at other times.

Susan Koyuncu in the office has asked me to let you know that KS2 **school dinners** will be £79.20 for this half term. The new menu looks good with old favourites and new things to try. (Some items varied this week due to a summer holiday delivery issue but should be accurate again from next week.)



I look forward to working together to give your child a great education this year.

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It is **Headingley Open Gardens** this Sunday, 2 – 5pm. We are on the trail (this year we will show our Nature Garden). Maps available from HEART and Oxfam Books.

## DIARY DATES

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September*	Headingley Open Gardens. Maps from HEART and Oxfam. Our Nature Garden is on the trail this year – some parents will be working in the garden if you'd like to help. 2 – 5pm.
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> September *	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> September *	Outdoor Stay and Play for Reception and Year 1 TBC at morning drop off
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> September *	Y2 trip to Kirklees Light Railway
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October *	Harvest Festival TBC
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October *	FOSOPS Woodland Walk – all welcome! TBC
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> October *	Parents Evenings. (These may be a mixture of phone calls and in person meetings) TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> November *	Drama Workshop as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> November *	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> November *	Open Morning for prospective parents
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> November *	Headingley Christmas lights switch on and carol singing at/outside St Michael's Church
1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December *	Reception and KS1 Nativity productions TBC
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December*	Carol Service at St Michaels' Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Alive & Kicking Christmas drama
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
<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> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change. The easing of COVID restrictions and the removal of the contact tracing responsibility from schools makes planning events with parents possible again. We will, however, be mindful of local and national data and advice, as well as the confidence of our community, when finalising plans.	

# Headingley Open Gardens 2021

Sunday 12 September, 14:00 to 17:00



Adults: £5 (accompanied children free)

Ticket and Programme - Collect at Heart or Oxfam Bookshop

Thank you to Year One for these lovely photos of the children making a great transition to Key Stage One.

