



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a week! Thank you so much to everyone who supported our **Headingley Youth Music Festival** on Saturday. There was a lovely community feel to the event and visitors like Greg Mulholland MP commented on the great atmosphere. Very well done to all our performers – the 'Proud' choir, djembe players (who then stepped in to play with the steel pans when they were short of performers!), the Shire Oak's Got Talent finalists and those who joined the Rock School sessions and headlined at the end. A special thanks are due to the staff and parent members of FOSOPS who staffed stalls, painted faces, made buns, ran around sorting things out, barbecued, sold raffle tickets, organised performers and ensured everyone had a safe and happy time.



On Monday in **House Team meetings**, the children reflected on what they liked about it and ideas for next year which we are now looking into (although I hope they forget about wanting the return of the wet sponges!) One thing that

came up a lot was they asked for the date to be publicised far in advance because they were sad that it had clashed with things like birthday parties. I didn't dare tell them it had been in the diary dates for months (!) so I promised I would make sure we told parents well in advance so they could avoid the date. (Even if your child might not mind missing the festival, those who want to perform and attend can end up feeling torn.) So, save the date... **Saturday 10th June 2017 is the next Headingley Youth Music Festival from 12-4pm and all the children will be invited to perform, probably around 2pm.** (This year the 60+ singers brave enough to sing 'Proud' were thanked with a free go on the bouncy castle or 75 foot long bouncy assault course.)



It was a very busy weekend for some of our children, as an energetic troupe of children from across school had been working with One Day Creative to make a **Brazilian dance** as part of the entertainment on the **World Triathlon route** as it passed through Headingley. We

enjoyed their enthusiastic samba-stylings and then saw the elite women's competitors whizzing past on their bikes. Thank you to Sue Bennett, One Day Creative and the families who supported on Sunday.

Year 1 enjoyed a special trip on Tuesday to the **Discovery Garden** at Becketts Park. Teacher training students come to work with the children, then plan and lead the trip so it is always a memorable occasion. Thank you to Bev Keen and her students.

Year 3 have also enjoyed their trip this week to the **Coal Mining Museum** judging by the happy, coal-smudged faces on their return. I look forward to hearing more about it. There aren't many photos as it is strictly forbidden to take photos down in the mine, but here is one from a workshop. I would like to thank Kate Wright from Kingston Unity



Friendly Society for arranging for them to sponsor the cost of the transport and workshops.

On Thursday this week Year 5 represented our school at the **Lawnswood Athletics Festival at Becketts Park**. The schools all had a different Olympic country to represent and our children enjoyed finding out more about China and the Chinese language in preparation. Chair of Governors, Julia Kelly, went to cheer them on and reported back: *The athletics event that Yr 5 went to today was really great- what they lacked in sporting ability they more than made up for with their fantastic display of*

style and spirit- homemade banners and dragon, red clothes, facepaint, drumming, chants, the song! The other schools were

really impressed. They really supported each other and were excellent ambassadors for the Shire Oak spirit, lovely to see. Well done Year 5 – we are proud of you and your growth mindsets but wish we had some photos!

(Julia ended up having a busy day on our behalf as she ended up playing **ambulance to an injured hedgehog** that was wandering in the school grounds. The 'hogspital' in Harrogate are going to keep us updated on the hedgehog's progress.)

This week we were pleased to meet September's **new Reception children** and their parents/carers. 22 of them are siblings (!) and they already seem like a happy, confident cohort who we are looking forward to getting to know.

Child Friendly Headingley would like to know if any of our children would like to perform at their community event in Becketts Park on the 3rd July? They can be tweeted at @ChildHeadingley or let me know and I can get in touch with them.

I think the next 5 and a half weeks are going to be equally busy! Please don't forget that the children get a chance to rest on **Wednesday next week**, which is one of the statutory **training days**. We are using it for assessment and

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	They are all SuperStars this week.
Y1 (Nile)	Evie listens carefully and applies her knowledge in science. Patrick is always keen to share scientific knowledge.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Joeisha for always trying her best in her classwork. George challenges himself in his learning tasks.
Y3 (Rhine)	Ted demonstrated a good understanding of science through his knowledge of rocks and fossils at the NCMM. Maddison overcame her fear and showed determination to learn more about our science topic.
Y4 (Ganges)	Jordan worked well with his partner on a magnetism experiment. Lucus worked in a focused manner testing different magnets.
Y5 (Tigris)	On a trip.
Y6 (Amazon)	Evan always brings a mature attitude and determination to every task.
Citizen of the Week was Lydia who was nominated by Chanelle for always supporting children in Year 3.	

reporting.

Have a great weekend!

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Did you know?

That pupils at Shire Oak have spent 7 866 minutes (22 school days) developing their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills online using **Spellodrome** since the start of the school year. They have spelled 6 467 words correctly. **Does your child know their login and use it to practise?**

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21 st June	Movie Night
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –Assessment and report writing (confirmed)
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days for September's Y7
Monday 27 th June	Y1 trip to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm (with minibeast workshop)
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 th June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 30 th June	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class (new date)
Tuesday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day for September's Y7.
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 5/6 trip to the coast TBC
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day – meeting new classteachers, etc.
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.
Friday 8 th July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Monday 11 th July *	Big Friendly Read summer reading challenge assembly, 9am (children only)
Wednesday 13 th July	Leeds City Academy transition day for September's Y7
Thursday 14 th July	Garforth Academy transition day
11 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Fortnight
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Tues 19 th July	Year 6 production being shown to the children in school, 1:30pm
Wednesday 20 th July	R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July	Y5/Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July	Optional drop-in parents/carers consultation evening to discuss reports
Wednesday 20 th July	Y6 production to parents, 6pm. (Children come back to school about 5:40pm)
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd July	Bikeability training for Year 6 (Rearranged date due to production move)
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm
(Monday 25 th July)	Reserve date for Sports Day R/1/2 am and Y3/4 pm
Monday 25 th July	School holiday safety assembly with PC Jamie Wilkinson
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 26 th July	Reserve date for Sports Day Y5/6 pm
Tuesday 15 th November 2016	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Thursday 12 th January 2017	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March 2017	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC
Saturday 10 th June 2017 *	Headingley Youth Music Festival and Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children performing at around 2pm.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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.)