





# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good half term holiday; it has been great to hear the children's news as they have come back to school. We are very busily getting ready for **Headingley Youth Music Festival and our Summer Fair tomorrow**. All of our children have been rehearsing A Millions Dreams and The Song of the Shire Oak Tree (with lyrics by Shire Oak children). We will be singing at 2pm and so children need to be near mainstage at the front of school by about 1:50pm. Year 4 will kick off the whole festival playing their djembes at 12 o'clock (so need to arrive by 11:45.) Other performers and children who were winners or finalists in the Shire Oak's Got Talent lunchtime competition should know when and where they are performing. (All performers get a free go on the bouncy castle or assault course!) Here is a sneak preview of the programme:

Mainstage (in front of school)		Y6 classroom (follow signs)	Hall £	Children's Centre	Gazebos £ (on field)	In front of school	The (covered) fire pit circle
12:00	Shire Oak Y4 djembe drummers	DIGITAL MUSIC VENUE		Stars inclusive workshop (suitable for SEND) led by YAMSEN tutors.	Face painting	Woodcraft Folk	Djembe drumming
12:15	Lawnswood KS3 Ensemble		Café	1 – 2pm	Hair accessorising	Pedal powered musical bicycle and kazoo making	Turn up and play whenever the drums aren't being used on stage
12:45	Shire Oak's Got Talent winners	Ableton Push Launchpad	2nd Stage (Shire Oak's Got More Talent finalists)	Make music with drums, bells, pitched and unpitched percussion as well as game activities with props and a glue stick activity with tissue paper and stars.	Circus Themed crafts		
13:10	Emeli Mumford (singer)	Wii remotes	Ice creams		Father's Day crafts		
13:30	Break – see 2nd Stage in the hall!	Control music and sound with your hands or a Wii remote in this interactive music workshop led by Leeds Beckett students with demonstrations and workshops and free play on the Ableton Push/ Launchpad.	Toys & sweets stall				
14:00	Shire Oak Whole School Choir		Uniform sale				
14:20	Turtles in Purple (band)						
14:40	Abbey Grange Jazz Band						
15:10	Shire Oak Steel/ Silver Sparrows						
15:40	Rock School Finale performance						
TBC	Look out for surprise special guests & karaoke opportunities  (Marquee with audience seating opposite.)	DJ Skills Led by Cloth Cat					
		iPad GarageBand	Tombola & raffle	★ ★			
Hexagonal Gazebo (in the orchard near the double gates)		Y5 classroom (follow signs)	Y4 classroom (follow signs)	Staff from Headingley & Horsforth Children's Centres will be providing messy play and music for small people at other times during the festival as well as a relaxing space for changing and feeding little ones.	Playground £ (behind school)	On the field £	Nature Garden
Ringmaster Martin Riley (Alive & Kicking/ Worst Witch screenplay writer) presents; <b>STORYTIME SHOWTIME SPECTACULAR</b>		ROCK SCHOOL Jamming session with performance at the end. Bring your instrument, if you have one. Most suitable for Y5/6 and above. Spaces are strictly limited – early arrival and participation for most of the festival is recommended. They will thrill our festival with a performance at 3:40pm.	Guitar workshop		Bouncy assault course	Circus sideshow stalls Tin can alley Balloon pop Wheel of Fortune and more!	Come and enjoy the peacefulness in the area between the Children's Centre and the Wood Lane gate nearest Lupton Flats
<b>The Wild and Crazy Adventures of Tom Wayfinder</b>			Turn up and learn to play		Free football space (N.B. this is not being supervised. Parents/carers are responsible for their children at all times)	Bouncy Castle	
Storytelling and Storymaking for all ages							
<b>1.00 – 2.00 pm: Tom Wayfinder's Adventure Part 1.</b> In which Tom travels from the briny deep to the fiery summit and gets his toes burned!							
<b>3.00 – 3:40 pm: Tom Wayfinder's Adventure Part 2.</b> In which Tom battles through a blizzard, gets stranded on an iceberg in the Arctic and takes a Balloon ride home.							
						<b>Car Park £</b>	
						Barbecue (meat and vegetarian options)	

Most activities are provided free of charge. Refreshments and stalls that are charging have a £ symbol next to the venue name.

We still need **volunteers** tomorrow, particularly for some of the stalls and the barbecue. Even if you can only help for a short while, please let us know if you are available. (And of course we won't let you miss your child's performance!) Finally, please promote the event to friends and family as we really like this to be a community event.

The **Year 5 rugby team** went into the half term holiday feeling especially proud as they had become the first Shire Oak team to reach the city wide semi-finals. Unfortunately they couldn't get past Grimes Dyke but the experience has already given them ideas for next year. This week the **Y6 rugby team** played their first round of games in the Culley Sevens tournament at Whinmoor. Shkar made a winning debut with the team as they beat Roundhay after losing to Highfield and then later drawing with St Augustines. This has set them up well for the final round of games in 3 weeks time.

**Year 3** started their latest **Forest School** project this week as they were learning how to use tools safely and effectively. Over the next few weeks, these pieces of willow will be transformed into kazoos using saws, billhooks, mallets and potato peelers (see photos overleaf).

I hope we have a great weekend!

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## DIARY DATES

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Geography Mapping Fortnight includes orienteering in Otley 11 <sup>th</sup> (Y5) and 18 <sup>th</sup> (Y6)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meetings (morning and evening)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	* Reception Class trip to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	* Parents/carers information meeting for Y5/6 S&Relationships Education. 5:30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Danish storytelling and music in conjunction with Headingley Music Festival (Y5)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June *	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Note change of date)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Open Gardens 2-5pm when we will open our grounds to visitors
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception trip to Harewood House TBC
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Temple Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ralph Thoresby transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Carr Manor transition day this week, TBC (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Lawnswood School transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Allerton High transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Abbey Grange transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Cardinal Heenan transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Corpus Christi transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Leeds City Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1/Y2 trip to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Height and weight checks for Year 6 with school nursing service
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability training for Year 6. Start practising riding now so you are confident to learn to go out on the roads with the tutors.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday
Kidzone will be running a holiday club from 30 <sup>th</sup> July to 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 8:30am to 5:30pm for children aged 4-12. To register and book a place please phone 07708879920 or 07847442492 by the 29 <sup>th</sup> June ideally.	
* 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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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](mailto: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.)