



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Well done and thank you to all the children who stood in the recent **School Council elections**. I am pleased to say that each candidate received a share of the votes in the class elections and we are proud of them. We also held hustings in assembly for the position of Vice-Chair of School Council and nearly half the class stood! In many ways this is a year-long apprenticeship, as that person then goes on to be Chair the following year. The quality of the speeches and determination of the Year 5 candidates was impressive and it was the closest competition we have had with two children in joint first, two in joint second and the rest in joint third places after the ballot across school.

Year 1 Connie and Charlie J

Year 5 Owen and Tiago

Year 2 Oliver and Sam

Year 6 Melita and Lukas H

Year 3 Jai and Isabella

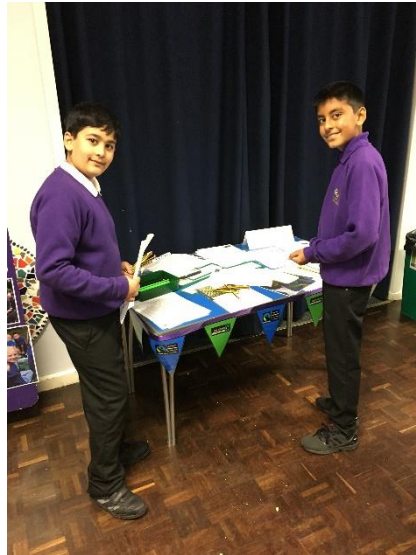
Year 4 Nathaniel and Katelyn

Vice Chair and Vice Secretary (shared) Lydia and Thomas (Y5)

Chair and Secretary (shared) Brooke and Fred (Y6)

Apologies to the **Year 1 SuperStars** from last week who missed out on a mention in the newsletter. Well done to **Jorge** and **Myla** - both for following instructions first time and taking their learning into the areas. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Hopkins are very proud of you!

Thank you to all the super bakers (and Sainsburys) for their great donations to this week's **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Thanks also to parents and staff for running the café in the morning and the stall at the end of the day, to the Y6 Fairtrade and Global Leaders who ran a stall and conducted a survey to raise awareness of Fairtrade and, of course, to all the customers who donated generously in return for some lovely treats. We raised £190.78 to help care for families dealing with cancer (and the cakes that were left over went to another sale happening the next day).



Year 1 have been very busy this week and have maybe won the record for the least travel on a school trip, ever! As part of their **Food Glorious Food** topic, they went to visit our school kitchens. It was fun watching them explore 'behind



the doors' and their surprise to see that the exit led into the hall. They enjoyed looking at the great big mixers and other equipment, were amazed how much home-cooked food could come from a relatively small kitchen, asked lots of questions and got nice and hungry for their yummy dinner. They have also been making the most of our grounds with an **autumn**

walk to see the changing colours of the season around us.



Thank you to the parents who were able to join us this week for the **Reception Class Phonics Meeting**. If you couldn't make it, please make sure you pick up the handouts from the class teacher, Sarah Coulter, and ask her any questions that you have about the children learning to read and write. **Stay and Play** is a good time for those informal chats, and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at the first one of the year.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

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Jill Dickinson (member of staff) and Caroline Walker (parent)

Gardening Club



would like to invite you to an informal gardening club on Wednesday after school. They are hoping to run these sessions so that we can keep our grounds looking nice and a good place to learn. Experts and amateurs alike welcome (full instruction given to the nervous). Children are welcome if supervised by an adult.

DIARY DATES

Monday 2 nd October	Alive and Kicking theatre group working with Y3 (linked to Stone Age)
Wednesday 3 rd October	* Informal gardening club for families after school.
Thursday 5 th October	Y1 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Thursday 5 th October	* Steve Boothroyd, local historian, coming to talk to Y5 & Y6.
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am (hall). All welcome. Please send in a non-perishable food gift. We donate the food to PAFRAS and the local Food Bank after the items are displayed in our special Harvest Festival assembly. All the children take part in the assembly and each class shares some learning on the theme of harvest.
Wednesday 11 th October	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 12 th October	Individual school photos
Friday 13 th October	Y4 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Tues 17 th & Wed 18 th October	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings after school. All children have an appointment. Children in Y5 and Y6 are expected to attend with their adult.
Thursday 19 th October	Movie Night
Friday 20 th October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children TBC
School closed until Sunday 29 th October for autumn half term holiday	
Wednesday 1 st November	Philosophy sessions with the university start today
Thursday 2 nd November	Bun Sale run by Year 6 (Y6 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Thurs 2 nd & Fri 3 rd November	d:side Internet Safety sessions
Friday 3 rd November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall, all welcome to watch the children.
Monday 6 th November	Anti bullying theatre show
Wednesday 8 th November	French Day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th November	Y3 class assembly, 9am, all welcome.
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th November	Anti Bullying Week (signing the pledge, assemblies, parent workshop, etc.)
Tuesday 14 th November	Open Morning & display of homework 9:30 am. For current & prospective parents.
Wednesday 15 th November	Meeting about maths for new Reception Class parents, 2pm, TBC.
Friday 17 th November	Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school.
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 Class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 4 th December	Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 5 th December	Dress rehearsal for nativity performances in front of the other classes
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th December	Robinwood Residential for the Year 6 class
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am, all welcome!
Tuesday 12 th December	School Christmas lunch.
Saturday 16 th January - Tuesday 2 nd January. School closed for Christmas holiday.	
Tuesday 2 nd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 5 th January	Reports to parents Y1-Y6 go home this week.
Monday 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week (growth mindsets, etc.)
Wednesday 10 th January	Open Morning
Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly

Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 12 th January	Fractions Friday (fun maths day)
Friday 19 th January	Geography Fun Facts Day
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Thursday 1 st February	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Sunday 4 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael’s Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	Reading Week will include a dress up day.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February. School closed for half term holiday.	
Thursday 22 nd February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Friday 2 nd March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Mon 14 th –Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday	
Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 20 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers’ Service, St Michael’s Church
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* 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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)