



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you for a lovely term, despite all that the British weather has thrown at us! The clocks going forward has caused a few bleary faces this week, but on Monday it was good to be able to celebrate how many of our children have had 100% **attendance** this term. School attendance is going up and is now at nearly 98% this year which reflects the commitment our families have to their children's education and cultivating good life habits.



Year 3 and Year 4 have certainly needed to have every day in school to be able to put together the Easter production they have treated us with this week. We enjoyed the singing, the acting and the great way the children worked together to tell a very difficult story. Well done to the children and to all the staff who have worked behind the scenes to support the children.



Year 4 have had a busy week as they also spent time on Wednesday at Leeds University taking part in a **science festival** workshop learning how the heart works, about DNA, chemical reactions and much more. Year 4 are very keen on science indeed, so I was not surprised that they enjoyed themselves, behaved well and made full use of the great opportunity to talk to real scientists.



The school **rugby league season** has finally got underway and both the Year 5 and Year 6 teams played their first round cup matches. The Year 6 team had to wade through mud at Richmond House and despite a great effort, narrowly lost out. Nevertheless, there are still plenty of friendlies and 7 – a – side

tournaments to come. The Year 5 team benefited from a slightly firmer pitch a week later at Highfield and managed to come away with a win and a place in the next round. The Year 5 players were well supported by two Year 4 players on debut and those players will also be playing the Year 4 Woodlesford Sevens tournament next term. As always, the players gave their all, worked together as a team and dealt with victory and defeat in the same measured way. You can measure the smiles of the Year 5 team in this photo.



I have seen some great **decorated eggs** coming into school this morning and I am looking forward to the judging at lunchtime. The winners aren't going to be announced in time to make it into the newsletter, but I will try to tweet them later on. We are @shireoakce if you would like to follow us!

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break with good weather and lots of fun. Please keep children in good habits with regular talking, reading and practising their maths skills so that they are feeling ready and confident for the summer term. I wish you all a very **happy Easter!**

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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.)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 17 th April	D:side working in classes
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 20 th April	D:side drugs and alcohol safety sessions in classes
Friday 20 th April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 th April	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
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!
Thursday 3 rd May	Y3 trip to Temple Newsam
Friday 4 th May	* Deadline for returning the parents' survey http://bit.ly/ShireOakParentsSurvey2018
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Thursday 10 th May	Y4 trip to Temple Newsam
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 12 th – 19 th May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day. Please note change of date due to FA Cup and Royal Wedding street parties.
Monday 21 st May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 nd May	Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards TBC
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!
Friday 15 th June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Saturday 16 th June	Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors
Tuesday 19 th June	Reception trip to Harewood House TBC
Tuesday 19 th June	Movie Night
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.
Tuesday 26 th June	* Temple Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wed 26 th & Thurs 28 th June	* Ralph Thoresby transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 2 nd July	* Carr Manor transition day this week, TBC (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Wed 4 th & Thu 5 th July	Lawnswood School transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 5 th July	* Allerton High transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Tuesday 10 th July	* Abbey Grange transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Wednesday 11 th July	* Cardinal Heenan transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	* Corpus Christi transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	* Leeds City Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
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
Friday 20 th July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
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	

Back to school on Monday 16th April!