



Dear Parents and Carers

# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Wow – what a day! This year's **Headingley Youth Music Festival** was an absolutely brilliant day. The weather suited a day of lounging on the grass and listening to the accomplished children and young people performing on mainstage. There



was plenty to do with a silent disco, circus skills, digital music and DJing, storytelling, giant bubbles, crafts and more. On top of that was a very successful summer fair with a great range of stalls and refreshments. You absolutely surpassed yourselves! There is no way we could put on such a gift to the community without the huge amount of planning, logistics, nagging, helping, fetching, carrying and grafting that goes into making the day work. I don't know of another event like it in Leeds and I am so so proud of what our relatively small school can achieve through the efforts of staff, parents, friends of the school and others who give so generously. I am also grateful for the funding grants we received which allowed us to put on the music and cultural offer for free. This means that the PTA (FOSOPS) have made a very healthy amount of money for the school which they are hoping to use to refresh our outdoor benches and tables making it possible to take classes outside for lessons and available at free time too. THANK YOU!



The good weather has continued this week and we have been keeping cool as best we can with lots of water, spray bottles, ice cubes and even the odd cheeky lolly! Thank you for making sure the children have hats and suncream so that we can still get outside for playing and learning. Year 4 made the most of the good weather this week as they investigated rates of evaporation in the playground. A very different experiment than at most other points in the year!



Thank you to **Kat Baxter** for coming in and sharing Ancient Egyptian artefacts with Year 3 this week – it really helps bring the topic to life. This morning we are looking forward to Year 3 sharing their recent learning in their class assembly.



Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments from certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	<b>Alessia</b> for her great blending skills she demonstrates while reading. <b>Freddie</b> for his wonderful presentation skills, it amazed us how he could remember it all.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Wojciech</b> is more focused in his reading. <b>Giorgia</b> has such enthusiasm for reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Evie</b> has worked very hard on her reading comprehension. <b>Sonny</b> is an enthusiastic reader. He thinks deeply about his reading questions and answers them with care.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Poppy</b> is showing great understanding of character, story development and words choice in reading comprehension. <b>Edwin</b> is making connections between learning in different areas of history.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Barney</b> has persevered so much with his reading and is showing a positive attitude towards his learning. <b>May</b> has made so much progress in reading and with her confidence because of how hard she works.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Eleanor</b> makes thoughtful contributions in guided reading. <b>Jacob</b> always applies himself well to the range of maths topics we cover.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Elliot</b> you are a terrific role model in all areas of school life. <b>Robyn</b> you are doing a great job in rehearsals for the Tempest. <b>Levi</b> you are putting in tremendous effort with all your work.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> is <b>Elliot</b> . He was nominated by other Lego Club monitors for his helpful attitude and calm behaviour. Well done!	

Please be aware that we collect **library books** in before the end of term so that we can check our inventory, make new class reading corners for the autumn term and see what needs to be replaced. Please make sure to send any school books in before we break up! Don't worry about not having things to read over summer though as we have a free book giveaway coming up. (As those books are not all in pristine condition they are perfect for taking to the park, the beach or on holiday.)

It is great to see the bookings coming in for **A Camps** here at Shire Oak this summer. The addition of the **swimming pool sessions** certainly seems popular! (They are running for 4 weeks with a swimming pool in weeks 2, 3 and 4.)

Book and pay [here](#) or find out about using taxfree childcare vouchers [here](#). If you are in receipt of benefits and eligible for free school meals then free places are bookable [here](#). (If you need any help booking on, please do ask Mr Lawrence Nash or one of the senior leaders.)



Year 2 made models to re-enact the Great Fire of London! ↑

Have a lovely weekend.

*Jane Astrid Devane*  
Jane Astrid Devane

[janead@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:janead@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk)

### DIARY DATES

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	*	FOSOPS ice pop and ice cream sale after school
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Y6 rugby team in Leeds finals 1pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Y1 and Y6 trip to Filey (returning after end of the school day) TBC
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Music Recitals 9:15 and 2pm. You have been texted if I think your child is performing. Contact us if you think they want to play and haven't been given a slot.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		YR/1/2 Sports Day c. 9:15am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Y6 waffle & smoothie sale after school to raise funds for leavers trip
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July		Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to rest of school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Y5/6 production pm and evening (ticketed entrance to one of the shows)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Teachers available after school to drop in and discuss end of year reports
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Y6 waffle & smoothie sale after school to raise funds for leavers trip
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Bring all school books back into school by today please!
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Free book giveaway straight after school – stock up for the summer!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	*	WonderDay at HEART with exhibited finalists in competition all our children enter.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
27 <sup>th</sup> July to 21 <sup>st</sup> August	A Camps are running a holiday playscheme with a swimming pool on site in weeks 2, 3 and 4. Book <a href="#">here</a> and find out about taxfree childcare vouchers <a href="#">here</a> . If you are in receipt of benefits and eligible for free school meals then free places are bookable <a href="#">here</a> .
DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.

# STITCH -UP

[Family Crafts Workshop Tickets, Saturday 4 July - 10 AM - 12 PM |](#)

[Eventbrite](#) Our Family Crafts Workshop is the perfect opportunity to take some time out with your child to get creative and make together. No crafting experience necessary and all materials are included, just bring your creativity and enthusiasm! Suitable for children aged 5+, Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Drinks and snacks included.

BOOK TICKETS AT  
[EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/O/VOLLANS-MEDIATION-20087820281](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/vollans-mediation-20087820281)  
OR  
[INFO@VOLLANSMEDIATION.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@VOLLANSMEDIATION.CO.UK)



## Quiz Night &

# CAKE AUCTION

## WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

7.30-9.30 PM | HEART CENTRE, HEADINGLEY | £5 PER PERSON

Tea & Coffee Provided  
Alcohol available to purchase at HEART ABK Cafe.  
Teams of up to 8



HOSTED BY  
VOLLANS MEDIATION