



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been another busy week in school! Year 6 visited Headingley Library on Monday afternoon. As well as returning and borrowing books, they were invited to a special screening of a film called **The Little Suitcase**. This told the story of a girl from Germany who came to England via the Kindertransport scheme and what happened to her and the rest of her family who remained in Nazi Germany. The girl settled in England and her daughter, Judith Rhodes, was there to answer questions from the children. We were proud of the way the children listened carefully, responded sensitively and asked some very insightful questions.



Year 5 also had a special trip this week – and a very tasty one at that! They travelled by train to visit **York's Chocolate Story**. They learned about the importance of cocoa to the ancient Mayans as well as the Yorkshire history of chocolate making. They were able to make and enjoy their own sweet treats too under the guise of scientific exploration of changing states. They were sensible and considerate when using public transport and seem to have learned a good deal as well as enjoying themselves.



Thank you to parents who were able to join us for our **Lunar New Year assembly** this morning to mark the festival observed in China, South Korea, Singapore and other places that our families are connected to. **Happy New Year** to all who celebrate! Thank you also to Finlay's dad who came and shared his expertise about **volcanoes with Year 3** – a great session!



It is always great to hear about our children's achievements outside school too. C in Year 2 was one of the mice dancers in the production of the **Nutcracker Ballet** at Leeds Grand Theatre this Christmas and we are very proud of her!

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them... Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Gino is very enthusiastic and can now write his name independently. Cora creates amazing models inspired by our learning.
Y1 (Nile)	Kayon is making good progress in all of his learning. Bea is well motivated and contributes enthusiastically to classroom life.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Evie is always ready to learn. She listens carefully and makes thoughtful contributions. Alfie gives his best in lessons and has been pushing himself to write more.
Y3 (Rhine)	Jann has been working hard at school and at home, catching up quickly with all learning he has missed. Achilles has had lots of great ideas in DT and shared them clearly and usefully.
Y4 (Ganges)	Iris is pushing herself in all areas of learning which is allowing her to become more confident, focused and independent. Eloise is pushing herself to give her best effort in her learning which is having a positive impact on the work she is producing.
Y5 (Tigris)	Florence makes thoughtful contributions in guided reading sessions. Alek is persevering well with his current maths passport target.
Y6 (Amazon)	Olive is asking well thought out questions about her learning. Charlie N-S presents all his work to the highest standard.
Citizen of the Week was Juliet who was nominated by Georgie for being a kind little girl who plays nicely her friends. Well done!	
Well done to these children (and any others) who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one: Emily K, Darcy, Noah and Emily N.	

Have a great weekend!

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PS Please see additional information on the last page.

Unless things change rapidly in the dispute between teachers and the government, school will be **closed on Wednesday** 1st February due to strike action. Striking NEU members at Shire Oak have been clear that disrupting children's education is not the aim of any of our teachers who are all working hard to help children make good progress, but that there is a strong feeling that schools' funding needs to be addressed and improved urgently. They/ I would be happy to talk to you about the issues affecting education currently.

DIARY DATES

Monday 30 th January	Water safety assemblies by the Canals and Rivers Trust
Tuesday 31 st January *	Y5 trip to see Little Shop of Horrors at Lawnswood School am (rescheduled)
Wed 1 st February *	Strike action by NEU. School is likely to be closed.
Thursday 2 nd February	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 3 rd February *	Alex Sobel MP visiting Y2 (rescheduled)
Friday 3 rd February *	FOSOPS hot chocolate and bun sale after school in the hall. (Donations of buns please!)
Tuesday 7 th February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th to 10 th February	Y4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
Thursday 9 th February	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 th to 17 th February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21 st February	FOSOPS Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall (donations of pancakes please)
Wednesday 22 nd Feb	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops for Years 5 and 6 following virtual assemblies and class workshops in the preceding weeks
Wednesday 22 nd Feb *	Thinking Day. Members of the Guiding and Scouting associations can wear their uniforms.
Monday 27 th February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Tuesday 28 th February *	Strike action by NEU
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3 rd March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Tuesday 7 th March *	Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 science fun workshops TBC
Wednesday 8 th March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8 th March	Movie Nights Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 th March. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 10 th March	Small group to visit Civic Hall Fairtrade Schools Celebration pm
13 th to 17 th March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Wednesday 15 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 th March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 th March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Wednesday 22 nd March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 th March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 th March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 th March	Y5 trip to Leeds Piano Festival maths trip
Wednesday 29 th March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 th to 29 th March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers and drawing the Easter raffle (donation of prized welcome)
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 rd April to 14 th April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 th April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Sunday 23 rd April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Wednesday 26 th April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 th April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 st May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 th May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th -9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.
Wednesday 17 th May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 th to 19 th May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 nd to 26 th May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	

5 th to 9 th June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 13 th June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 16 th June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 nd June *	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Saturday 24 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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

FOSOPS Upcoming events and requests for donations and volunteers (please)

Friday 3rd February **Hot Chocolate and bun sale** after school in the hall. Donations of homemade or shop-bought buns would be very helpful. Please bring them to school in advance of the sale, if possible. (Friday morning to class would be good.) Can you help with the sale? Please let FOSOPS know!

Tuesday 21st February **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale** straight after school. Donations of pancakes would be very welcome. The easiest for us to heat are the ones sold in packs of 8 or 10 by supermarkets, but all are welcome! Can you help with the sale? Please let FOSOPS know! (NB this is straight after half term so may need more forward planning)

Wednesday 8th March **Movie Nights**. Further information to follow but volunteers to help with food would be great. Please let FOSOPS know!

Easter Raffle. FOSOPS will be organising and running an Easter raffle to be drawn at the end of term. If you (or your company) could donate a prize, that would be great. Please send it in to school after half term, before the 24th March, clearly labelled if it isn't obvious. If anyone can help with selling tickets on the playground before and/or after school, please let FOSOPS know!

Saturday 24th June. **Headingley Youth Music Festival** which incorporates our summer fair. All children are invited to perform and we will need lots of volunteers to make it a successful community event. Please put the date in your diary!



Please remember that the **yellow zig zag markings** outside school help to keep our children safe! No cars should be parked, or stopped on these markings as it makes it harder for the children who are walking independently to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this!