



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been great to see so many of you this week when you came to school for our **parents' evening** or to see you are booked in for next week. If any issues were raised that need a longer conversation, do please get in touch to arrange that whether with the class teacher, the Special Needs Coordinator (Sara Mitchell) or myself. Hopefully Year 5 parents who had appointments booked for this week received the text on Monday to say that their appointments have all been moved to Wednesday 20th April and we are hopeful that next week's appointments with Chris Marshall will be able to go ahead. I am thankful to report that we have had far fewer **COVID** cases this week, with one member of staff still in isolation and 2 children who have tested positive this week. This means we have been able to restart whole school assemblies and mixed indoor activities again.



Book Club celebrated the reading, discussing and learning they have been doing recently with a special trip. As they have been reading Charlotte's Web they went to a special, private screening of the film adaptation at the little cinema in Armley Mills Museum. Thank you to Janie Percy-Smith and Abi Readman for organising this opportunity for them.

I have been delighted to hear the excitement from Year 3 as they explored the engineering challenges that went into making Stonehenge. Using a more readily available building material their investigations were very interesting and – apparently also delicious. Here are photos from their Twitter account of **Biscuit Henge**.



Much fun was had yesterday in Year 1 as they held their **Soft Toy day**. It was great to see them picnicking, welcoming back their class bear from his travels and using their toys in their maths and DT work!



As you know we have recently had a vacancy for family support work in school. After a rigorous recruitment process I am very glad to say that **Mr Lawrence Nash** has been appointed to the position of **Learning Mentor/ Family Support Worker**. We will be backfilling certain duties he currently has in school to free up some of his time, but feel that bringing together the pastoral and inclusion work he has been doing with children and support for and liaison with parents and carers makes good sense.

He has served a long apprenticeship with Jane Hinchliffe and she wholeheartedly recommended him for the role. Lawrence will be extending his hours after school which will add capacity and make catching up with parents easier. He will continue to be on the playground each morning so that parents can talk to him and let him know about issues that are affecting their children.



Art Camp will be offering holiday club for children during the Easter holiday. The theme this time is 'A Royal Eggstravaganza' – click [here](#) for more information. Parents can book directly onto the camp, but I also have a limited number of funded places to offer to families who need some holiday provision for social, emotional, mental health or financial reasons. Please speak to me or to Lawrence Nash as soon as possible if that would be helpful to you.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class. Thank you to the Year 6 scribes who record what the certificates were awarded for.
YR (Thames)	Judith for a positive attitude towards her learning. India for a good attitude towards learning – especially in her writing.
Y1 (Nile)	Stella has a good attitude and works hard. Kobi has a positive attitude to his work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Mason is trying hard to improve his maths facts by practising at home e.g. x2, x 5 and x10. and Achilles is trying hard to make big improvements in his writing, such as his science report.
Y3 (Rhine)	Kai is trying hard with learning his times tables and Ellie is making a good effort in all subjects.
Y4 (Ganges)	All of Year 4 embraced science week with great enthusiasm and excitement. Betty has been working incredibly with her presentation, taking her time to always do her best. Joey is working considerably hard with the presentation of his writing.
Y5 (Tigris)	Jorge has produced some impressive English and maths work and consistently works well in lessons. April is making great progress due to putting in maximum effort in all lessons.
Y6 (Amazon)	Evan is working hard to form his letters an appropriate size and join them to improve presentation. Coco is showing maturity and responsibility when juggling school council and classroom jobs.
Citizens of the Week , nominated by Ms Devane, were all the school staff who worked with such commitment, flexibility and effort recently to keep school open when the absences caused by COVID were so very high.	
Well done to all these children who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one: Jovan, Benji, Odysseus and Stella .	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Ending Holiday Hunger - Leeds

Food Parcels & Family Fun!

Who?
This event is for any families with school-aged children, needing extra support these holidays. There are no stipulations for attendance and all places will be given on a first-come-first-served basis.

What?
EHLH and BLC (Better Leeds Communities) are joining together to create a 'family fun day'! We will be hosting an afternoon of free refreshments, and a collection of party games, with the option to receive free food parcels (covering children's lunches throughout the school holidays), to take

Where?
This will be hosted at the Butley Lodge Centre, LS6 1QF.

When?
Monday the 4th of April.
12pm-2pm (buffet lunch provided).

How?
If you would like to attend, please contact Ending Holiday Hunger-Leeds on:
Facebook (Ending Holiday Hunger-Leeds)
or
Twitter (@EHLH_Leeds)
We will need to know your name, the number of children attending and any allergy/ dietary requirements for the food parcels.

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DIARY DATES

28 th to 30 th March	Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Tuesday 29 th March	Year One Toy Swap Day
Tuesday 29 th March	Games Night after school. All welcome.
Friday 1 st April	Easter production by Years 3 & 4 in the morning, aiming to start at 09:15. Parents welcome.
4 th to 18 th April	Easter holidays (Leeds always has the first two weeks of April)
Tuesday 19 th April	Back to school after Easter
Wednesday 27 th April *	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
27 th – 29 th April	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Friday 29 th April	YR Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Monday 2 nd May	School closed due to the bank holiday
Thursday 5 th May	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6) As these are statutory tests appointments should be avoided for Y6.
Friday 13 th May	Eid Assembly 9am in the hall (we hope to be able to invite parents to this) TBC
16 th to 20 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Saturday 21 st May	Groundforce Day: Families are invited to help spruce up our grounds in return for free BBQ
23 rd to 27 th May	Green Week Including road/pedestrian safety (YR – Y3 Monday) & scooter safety training (Y4 Y4 Friday)
23 rd /24 th May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC
Wednesday 25 th May	Y4 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 26 th May	Class photos
Friday 27 th May	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
30 th May to 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK
Wednesday 8 th June	RSE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents
Wednesday 15 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 17 th June	Non uniform day (please bring tombola prizes for the summer fair at HYMF)
Friday 17 th June	Music recital pm. All children who learn an instrument may perform.
20 th to 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week including after school event on Wednesday
Tuesday 21 st June	Meetings for Reception Class 2022 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community and it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities and other music-making 12-4pm
Thursday 14 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening
18 th July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning TBC Y5 Y6 Sports Day in the afternoon TBC
19 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
19 th July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm TBC
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 th and 26 th July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 th July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
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TBC means to be confirmed. * marks items that have been added or amended since the last newsletter	