



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Not just the highlight of the week – for many, the highlight of the year – our **Nativity performances** this week did not disappoint! The children of Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 (rehearsed and supported by so many staff in school) sang, read, acted, danced and wriggled their parts with enthusiasm and joy. We really enjoyed watching them and hope you did too.



There have been lots of other lovely activities going on this week around school. Children from the lunchtime **book club** were treated to a theatre performance of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** at Leeds Playhouse as they have been reading the book this term. They were complimented on their lovely manners in public and thoroughly enjoyed the special Christmas production.



Year 4 have been busy this week. They made and 'opened' our **Advent window** contribution to the local Advent calendar. Residents of the Sunshine houses in the streets around school make beautiful images in their windows. We don't have a window, so we decorate the Alma Road gate and this year we are the 8th day. This afternoon children of Year 4 have been to visit **Grove Park care home** to sing some carols, give out the Christmas cards they have made and join in with some crafts with the residents.



Children from choir have been busy recently and have already been **carol singing** at Victoria Court and Wheatfields Hospice. They will be singing at the library on Monday morning too.

Year 6 look the most tired I have ever seen them! They were at **Robinwood** for their **residential** trip from Monday to Wednesday. They had a great time really stretching themselves and getting stuck into the outdoor and adventurous challenges on offer from early in the morning to late into the evening. (They could have done without the train delays on the way home though!) Thank you to Mr Davies, Mrs Hill and Ms Earl for giving up their free time to take them.

Thank you so much to Gwen and everyone at **The Vale Stables** on Grove Lane for the beautiful Christmas tree in our hall (tastefully decorated by Mrs Koyuncu). The Stables have been raising money for the Leeds charity **Zarach** through sales of their Christmas trees and have managed to buy two full bed kits already! A great cause to support.

Please find attached to this letter a letter about **Strep A and Scarlet Fever** and our monthly **e-safety newsletter**.

Thank you to all the parents who were generous with their time and happy to talk to our SIAMS inspectors yesterday. The inspectors wanted me to pass on their thanks to all the children, parents, governors and staff they saw or spoke to. The outcome is still confidential until the report is published, but we are happy with how the day went.

I hope you have a lovely weekend before a busy last week in school.

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PS Recent Super Stars will be Included in the next newsletter.

Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
Raffle tickets being drawn	Carol Service in church, am	Y3 Forest School pm	Class Christmas parties and Christmas party lunch	No swimming in the final week
Some of choir singing at Headingley Hub in the morning	School Christmas dinner No Y3 Forest School today	Christmas discos after school, Y1 Y2 3-45 until 4:45pm. Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 5:00 – 6:00pm	Dip and Dab's Christmas Mix Up show 1:45pm Children can wear a Christmas jumper, top, or their own choice. Bottoms do not have to be school uniform, but should be appropriate for indoors and outdoors – no frou frou skirts please!	

DIARY DATES

Monday 12 th December	Group from choir singing at Headingley Hub
Tuesday 13 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas Dinner (children on packed lunches can book this in advance via office)
Wed 14 th December	Christmas Disco KS1 3:45 to 4:45pm KS2 5:00 to 6:00 pm. (No Reception class this time)
Thursday 15 th December	Alive and Kicking Theatre in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd January. School closed to pupils.	
TRAINING DAY. Tuesday 3 rd January. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 4 th January	Welcome back to the spring term!
Friday 6 th January	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day. TBC
Wed 11 th January	Reception Class 'How we teach maths' meeting 2:15pm TBC
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents.
Thursday 12 th January	Group to attend Youth Summit in the Civic Hall and museum
Friday 13 th January	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 19 th January	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 2 nd February	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 20 th January	Local MP Alex Sobel visiting Y2
Tuesday 24 th January	Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York
Friday 27 th January	Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
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	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall
Monday 27 th February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
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
Wednesday 8 th March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8 th March	Movie Nights TBC Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 th March. School closed to pupils.	
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	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
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 to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed. It is not yet announced what will happen to the SATS timetable this week.
Friday 12 th May	Y2 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome. This date will change due to the BH

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.	
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)
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 Assembly
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.	

