



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

I hope you all had a good half term break. We have got the last summer half term off to a good start as we prepare for some of the year's highlights. We would especially like to thank **Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell** for taking a trip to Leeds to speak to our Year 5 and Year 6 children as they study their space topic. Dame Jocelyn discovered pulsars (for which her supervisor received a Nobel prize) and is one of the most important British scientists and a fantastic role model. She had the children enthralled as she answered their questions about black holes, white holes, wormholes, the eventual dying of the sun, evacuation to other planets and time travel. She has a rare skill of being able to answer those questions in a way that assumes the children will be intelligent enough to understand difficult concepts, but being able to explain them in a way that they can grasp quickly. She was very inspiring and gave the clear message that reading inspiring books, working hard (particularly at the things you enjoy) will be what makes you clever and allow you to follow a career in science if you want to.



We have a very busy week ahead, starting tomorrow. You will have received a letter from Mrs Susie Hopkins about our **Multicultural Arts and Faith Week**. We have been holding this special week every other year for a number of years



now. It is a great time for us to find out more about the cultures and faiths represented in our school and area. Susie and Rev Tony have worked hard to use the contacts we and St Michaels have with places of worship in the local area which are committed to working together with people of other religions and those of none. We have purposefully chosen outward looking communities with representation from women in positions of leadership as those we work with. We discussed our plans with the Safer Schools Police Officer when he came to review our security recently and he felt this week was exactly what we need to be doing at the moment and posed no unusual risk. Reverend Tony will be joining us on as many of these trips as he can.

One of the highlights of our last Multicultural Week was the **friends and family picnic meal** so we are holding another one this year. Please come after school with a dish to share (ideally labelled for any allergens). Food can be dropped off in the morning or brought towards the end of the day when we will be laying the tables outside if it's fine (in the hall if it isn't).

On Friday we will be having a **dress up day**. Children can wear outfits, costumes and colours that represent a culture they belong to or love. National costumes, Scout and Guide uniforms, club and society badges, (school appropriate) party and celebration clothes and colours from flags, etc. are all great ideas.

I am very much looking forward to the art, dancing, drama, food and trips next week – a great week to be proud of our diverse cultures. I am also looking forward to **Headingley Youth Music Festival** here tomorrow. Don't worry if it rains – we have plenty of shelter indoors and outdoors – just wear wellies. We have a great programme of events as well as an opportunity to fundraise for the extras that are hard to fund from our budget. Plenty of help needed – do volunteer!

**Year 4 – performing djembes at 12 o'clock** – please be ready at the front of school at 11:45am.

**Shire Oak's Got Talent winners at 12:45** – please be ready at 12:35.

**Whole school – singing Native American chants with other local choirs at 3:45.**

Please be ready at 3:35. All children who sing will be given a pass for a free go on the bouncy castle or 75ft bouncy assault course.

I am looking forward to seeing you tomorrow!

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## DIARY DATES

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts Week – this will include a dress up day on the Friday! (A culture, country or flag your child is interested in or wants to represent.) On Wednesday after school we are having a bring and share picnic meal – please bring food from a culture you know or love.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new Reception parents and children
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	* Y6 height and weight checks
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! THIS WILL PROBABLY MOVE
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	* Y1 audiology checks
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y5/6 trip to Jodrell Bank coming back later to school that day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	* Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! THIS IS A CHANGED DATE.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 trip to Magna
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	* Class and team photos
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring 30p)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1/2 trip to Filey coming back later to school that day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for Y6. They will be able to borrow bikes and helmets if necessary. We want as many children as possible to access the training and award.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine) Y5/6 Sports Day will be in the afternoon (if fine). This is a change to the previously published date.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	* Judo workshops



**Headingley Youth  
Music Festival**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Shire Oak Primary School grounds**  
**12-4pm**  
**Rock School \* DJ skills \* live music**  
**Ableton workshop \* bouncy castle \***  
**ukulele workshop \* steel pans \* stalls**  
**storytelling \* 75ft assault course**  
**choirs \* drumming \* instruments \***  
**BBQ \* facepainting \* cakes**  
**and all the fun of a summer fair**  
**@H\_YMusicFest**

**School dinners**  
 are now £2.40.  
 The cost for the  
 full half term is  
 £88.80