



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 17
20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers



Well done to **Reception Class** for a great sharing assembly yesterday. Our youngest children, who only started school in September, were able to work together to confidently share some of their learning with us. We particularly enjoyed their versions of traditional tales like the Little Red Hen and the Gingerbread Man story as well as seeing a glimpse of all their other learning across the curriculum.

Thank you to parents who have felt able to generously contribute more than the asked for **contribution towards school trips**. This really helps us to continue to include all children in our visits and we appreciate it. We also know that many families are finding things hard economically at the moment and we want to reassure you that we will always treat that information sensitively if you talk to us about difficulties with payments.

It has been good to see this term's **after school clubs** get underway this week. We listen to feedback and suggestions from children as well as considering what is on offer to us when putting together the programme each term. If your child did not get a place in the club they wanted, they will be added to a priority list for next time that activity runs.

Acorn Club staff are constantly reviewing how we do things to make sure we run a good service. They have spotted that at pick up time some of the (younger) children take a very long time to collect belongings and so parents have been trying to come in and help them – understandably! To stick to our safeguarding rules, however, it is right for parents to remain in the covered area outside the Community Room when picking up children but we will try to make sure a member of staff goes with the little ones to retrieve coats and bags so that the children stay focused on what they should be doing! Thanks for your cooperation with this.



Year 3 have been working together to **investigate pneumatics** at the beginning of their DT project. The children are designing model volcanoes that will 'erupt' using pneumatic technology.

This week we have been sad to say goodbye to Sarah Gaines, our local **Police Community Support Officer**. She has been a consistent point of contact for us and a friendly, familiar face at school. We wish her well in her secondment to the off-road bike team and look forward to meeting her successor, when they are appointed.

You have probably seen on the news that the main teacher union in England, the [NEU](#), has successfully balloted its members for **strike action**. Most teachers at Shire Oak are in the NEU so this will affect us. Obviously it is a developing situation which I will keep a close eye on but at this stage it looks very, very likely that school will be closed to children on Wednesday 1st February. Further dates that may be affected are Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

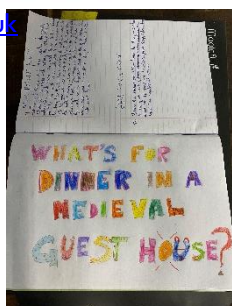
Have a great weekend!

Jane Astrid Devane

Great homework shared in assembly this week!

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DIARY DATES

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| Monday 23 rd January | Y6 trip to Headingley Library for a workshop on Judith Rhodes' <u>The Little Suitcase</u> |
| Tuesday 24 th January | Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York |
| Friday 27 th January | Lunar New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome. |
| Monday 30 th January | Water safety assemblies by the Canals and Rivers Trust |
| Wed 1st February | Y5 trip to see Little Shop of Horrors at Lawnswood School am |
| 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) |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 5 th or 6 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 TBC 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 |
| 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 |

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| 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.



The famous Art Camp UK is back!! ... and we're really looking forward to 2023 :)

In celebration of the 21st anniversary of Harry Potter, our February Art camps will be all things 'fantastical' and 'fabulous' children's book themed. Come along as your favourite character in fancy dress.

We shall create a magical world at Art Camp involving all your favourite children's characters. we shall explore Scottish highland dancing, outlandishly awesome film making, superb and sensationally fun percussion workshops, glorious drama fun and games, stupendous forest schools and bushcrafts, wondrous

outdoor fun and adventure, out of this world arts and crafts, ridiculously astonishing television presenting, glorious music, fancy dress, and so much more fun :)

**For children 4.5 - 12 years of age
08.45 - 15.45 / 16.00. 13th- 17th February**

Shire Oak Primary School, Wood Lane, Headingley, Leeds LS6 2DT.

Please visit our fantastical website for further info www.artcampuk.com