



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC)Primary School

What a glorious fortnight! I am so proud of our children, our staff and our families for working together to make sure so many learning-rich and vibrant additional opportunities have been on offer to our pupils.

Mrs Susie Hopkins organised a great **Multicultural Arts and Faith Week**. We enjoyed listening to visitors from the Humanist Association and St Michael's Church. Reverend Heston and Imam Adam led an outdoor assembly in their usual, playful style about being friends and appreciating our similarities and differences. The scheduled trip to the mosque was unfortunately scuppered by a burst boiler, but Shazia kindly arranged to fetch some artefacts and brought them to show the children. Happily, the trips to a synagogue, mandir, gurdwara and



The end of the week was marked with another highlight in our cultural calendar: **Headingley Youth Music Festival**. After a two year Covid-enforced break it was so joyful to have the event happening again. We had a huge turnout



from Headingley and beyond and our children excelled themselves in all their performances and how they conducted themselves in the workshops and activities. Thank you so much to FOSOPS staff, parents and friends for all the work that went into running the summer fair aspect of the day. Not only did it create a great festival atmosphere but raised about two thousand pounds! (Final figure to be confirmed after all bills are paid.) It was also the quickest clear up ever, so thank you to everyone for pitching in at the end.



Other important aspects of the culture of our school are finding sports and physical activities for everyone, giving our children leadership opportunities and thinking of others. Tuesday evening's offer by our rugby club incorporated all of those in a fun event with sports and fundraising events on the school field and an impressive £425 raised for **Rob Burrow's MND appeal**. More sporting events have been taking place in and around school involving children in KS2 who play rugby but also the whole of Year 5 who took part in a special **basketball day** at Leeds Beckett University earlier in the week. I was proud that we sent our whole class and not just a hand-picked team for this development day.



Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed their day **trip to Filey** this week. Year 6's clifftop walk helped them study coastal erosion whilst Year 5 walked along the front and into town to compare and contrast the locality with ours. Both classes then enjoyed lunch on the beach, ice creams, time to play and a good paddle in the sea.



Thank you to everyone who has returned their booking form for our breakfast and afterschool club provision – **Acorn Club** – from September onwards. The deadline on the form was for new Reception parents, but we appreciate you returning it as quickly as possible to help us with our planning.

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who represented school at the **YAMSEN** choir event this week and enjoyed singing with secondary school students. Mrs Jill Dickinson was too busy singing to be able to take photos!

We have a busy three weeks ahead so please help children get the sleep they need to cope with all the excitement and change. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Our Children's Centre are looking for a temporary administrator. More information [here](#). (May be based at the Horsforth site but work at Headingley or Ireland Wood from time to time.)

DIARY DATES	
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 4 trip to the park
Wednesday 6 th July *	Transition Day in school and new Reception Stay and Play sessions
Thursday 14 th July	Year 1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (this is instead of Filey)
Friday 14 th July *	After school sale of waffles and smoothies by Y6 fundraising for Leavers' trip
Friday 15 th July	Year 5/6 Sports Day in the afternoon c.1:20pm (some Y5/6 days have changed due to high school transition days)
Friday 15 th July *	Deadline for school library books to be returned to school please
Monday 18 th July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning c.9:20am
Monday 18 th July *	Y4 trip to art workshop at Headingley Hall, in the morning
Monday 18 th July	Year 5 and 6 production to school in the afternoon
Monday 18 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening 6pm
Tuesday 19 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm c.1:20pm
Wednesday 20 th July *	Y4 djembe performance in assembly, 9am.
Wednesday 20 th July *	Rugby presentations in the afternoon
Thursday 21 st July *	After school sale of waffles and smoothies by Y6 fundraising for Leavers' trip
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
SUMMER HOLIDAY. From the 25 th July Art Camp run holidays activities on our site. https://www.artcampuk.com/	
If your child would benefit from summer holiday provision but there are barriers to attending, please see Mr Nash.	
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	



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with Y6 girls**

Art Camp ask us to tell you: The summer timetables are now published and can be viewed by following these links: <https://www.artcampuk.com/Shire%20Oak%20Mini.pdf>
<https://www.artcampuk.com/Shire%20Oak%20Junior.pdf>

BEACH PARTY Dates 18th July – 2nd Sept

Summer Camp: Monday to Friday Registration from 08:45-09:00 Collection from 15:45 – 16:00

PUNCH & JUDY MEETS THE BEACH BOYS IN HAWAII

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Punch & Judy
Morris Dancing
Animation Workshops
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Dance
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Spy Camp
Cookery
Print Making
Animal Visits
Music Workshops
Circus Skills
And A Visit From Jon The Human
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Monday – Friday 9am -6pm

Saturday 9am – 1pm

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