



Dear Parents and Carers

I am so glad we were able to hold our **Winter Festival of Fire** before any of our children were called on to self-isolate! It was a truly lovely day with a roaring fire, toasted marshmallows, singing and time in the reflection space where children were able to take some peaceful time to feel connected and affirmed. It worked well running it during the day, so in future years we will probably incorporate that into our usual after school event.



Thank you to **Reverend Heston** from All Hallows and his friend, Imam **Adam Aslam** who visited us this week. They held a special assembly for Year 5 who heard them talk about their friendship, hopes, fears and how to help others. We are always glad to see them and the way they model getting on with each other - and also respectfully disagreeing with each other!



One way that we can help families in need at this time is making sure they know about **Kindness Christmas** in Leeds.

During December, the Real Junk Food Project will be delivering free Christmas hampers. Each registered household will receive a hamper. You self-refer so follow this link if this would be useful to you:



[Click here to register your household](#)

I need to let you know that, following my letters earlier this week, another member of our school community has tested positive for **COVID**. This is someone already isolating who has not had direct or prolonged contact with other people who are still in school. I know it can be worrying to hear about cases so close to home. I would like to reassure you that in the four cases connected to

school none are seriously unwell at all. It can be tempting to rush out to test your child(ren) but the tests available on the NHS are reserved for those who have symptoms or have been directed to take a test by a medical professional. The tests are not comfortable for children and as they are already isolating will not change what they need to do. If your child has been directed to self-isolate by school, this is the same as being contacted by Test and Trace as school is acting on public health advice. **Testing negative does not allow them to leave isolation early** and can lull you into a false sense of security: the isolation period is 14 days as it can take that long for the virus to develop symptoms and become detectable.

Class	Well done to this recent Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Not yet joining us for assemblies
Y1 (Nile)	Finlay because he always follows instructions, he is kind and does his best. Ailibhe because she is consistently so kind and helpful.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Atticus is a good role model. Rafael because of his good attitude and good choices.
Y3 (Rhine)	Seth shows kindness every day to children and to staff. Darcy is always kind and supportive to her friends and classmates.
Y4 (Ganges)	Erin D has great presentation and written some excellent poetry. Noah has given some great contributions in class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Edie E and Sam are superstars because they act as good role models for children in class to follow.
Y6 (Amazon)	Anna has put hard work into her learning. Jack has made a good contribution to our class anti-bullying drama session.
Citizen of the Week was Rory who has been nominated by his classmates for being cheerful, friendly, helpful and hard-working. Well done!	

Well done to **Year 4** for sharing their lovely **class assembly** with us! We enjoyed watching you share your great learning with us.

Have a lovely week.

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If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding child protection issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Jane Hinchliffe.

If you have questions about your child's progress or how to help them with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Antonia Nicholls, antonian@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

FOSOPS are organising a **virtual Christmas raffle**. The tickets and draw are online, but the prizes are real! Can you help by donating a prize? Do you know a local business who could donate a voucher? Photos of prizes and information to lizc@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk please.

DIARY DATES

Friday 27 th November	Y1 trip to learn about baptism at St Michael's Church
Mon 7 th & Fri 11 th Dec	D:Side working with KS1 and KS2 on Internet Safety This will be rescheduled later this year.
Tuesday 8 th December	Nasal Flu immunisations – consent links have been emailed & texted
Wed 9 th December	KS2 LSMA online Christmas concert & singing for the NHS (class to be confirmed)
Thursday 10 th Dec	Outdoor and adventurous day trip 'residential' for Year 6 at Skelton Grange N.B. They will be back after the end of the usual school day. TBC.
Thursday 10 th Dec	Height and weight checks for Reception Class
Monday 21 st Dec *	FOSOPS are organising an online family quiz evening. Details to follow!
Friday 8 th January 2021	10 th Birthday Party at HEART. Children who are 10 years old around this time are invited!
Thursday 28 th January	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Tuesday 16 th March	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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Art Camp is putting on a three day event this 21st, 22nd & 23rd of December. We are running @ Shire Oak and we hope that children from both Millfield and Shire Oak will attend. **Art Camp Christmas** is going to be full of really fun surprises and Christmas themed activities. The booking form is now open, for further info contact jon@artcampuk.com * 10% discount for Shire Oak Children *




Monday 21st Dance, Drama, Forest Schools

Tuesday 22nd Circus Skills, Christmas Cookery, Forest School

Wednesday 23rd Music / Christmas Carols, Christmas Arts and Crafts / Forest School and lots more surprises and fun...

3rd bubble opened – a few more places available now!

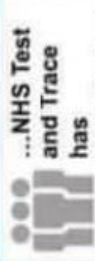
COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

• www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms

What to do if...



...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)

...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine

...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding

...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)

Action needed

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days
- Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too

- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time
- Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel
- Provide information to school as per attendance policy

Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team
- Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again

- Only people with symptoms* need to get a test
- People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive

Back to school...

...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days

...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days

...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information:
www.gov.uk/backtoschool