



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Next week is **Reading Week!** We are looking forward to our week-long celebration of reading and hope you will be able to get involved too. Particularly worth mentioning are:

1. Thursday from 3pm in the school hall - a chance to find out about the **Reading Eggs website**, encouraging children to read wherever they have access to the internet. All children will receive a password from school which allows them free access. (All parents, carers, grandparents, etc. welcome to this drop-in session.)
2. **Dress Up Day** on Friday – This day we are exploring reading linked to TV, film and music but costumes can be any that are linked to a favourite book or character. Please do not go out and buy something specially (and I am not suggesting you get the sewing machine out either!) Lots of costumes can be put together with items from around the house – we are looking for ideas that excite the children, not perfect outfits. (See <http://tinyurl.com/easywbd> for ideas.)
3. All children will receive a new copy of our **school's recommended reading list** (all books are available in the school library and many from Headingley library too) and our Reading Comprehension bookmark, with example questions that you can ask to check a child's understanding whatever they are reading.

We would still like to see your **Extreme Reading** photos! (Please email office@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk , tweet @shireoakce or bring them in from Monday until Thursday 3:15pm. There may be a **small prize** for particularly good photos in our final Reading Week assembly on Friday...)

Well done to **Y6 children** (and staff) for successfully navigating SATs week in a balanced way. Enjoy your trip to Becketts Park this week to celebrate a good deal of hard work.

Thank you for the many, many lovely comments we have had about our **Ofsted report**. We agree – it is good to see a school we recognise in print. Although Ofsted asked you to complete a questionnaire as part of their inspection, we would still like to do our **annual parent survey** as we find it very useful for planning future improvements and reviewing what is working well and what could be better. The surveys will be coming home next week – please do fill it out and return it to school. They are collected and collated before I see the results so they are truly anonymous. If you have more than one child at the school you can either return one survey and write X2, X3, etc. on to show how many children it represents. Alternatively, you can fill in a survey for each child if that would be more accurate. Thank you.

This term's **dinner money** is £ 55.20 for children in KS2.

Thank you to the parents and carers who supported last week's **Reception Class assembly**. It was wonderful to see them so independent in the way they presented their proudest aspects of learning. The range and quality of their work was impressive and we loved watching them.

I hope to see many of you tomorrow at our **Work Party Day** from 10-2. There will be plenty of jobs to do for all and a barbecue for anyone who is working. If you can let us know by slip or by text that you can come, that would help us plan. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Saturday 16 th May	Work Party and BBQ in the school grounds, 1 pm. All welcome!
Monday 18 th May	* FOSOPS meeting in Kidzone, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 18 th May – Fri 22 nd May	Reading Week including:
Tuesday 19 th May	Y3 special assembly to show work with author James Nash, 2:30pm
Wednesday 20 th May	* Ralph Thoresby staff visiting our Y6 for transition
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May	Leeds Book Awards
Friday 22 nd May	Dress up as a character from a favourite book.
Monday 25 th –Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Wednesday 3 rd June	* Lawnswood staff visiting our Y6 for transition.
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Friday 5 th June	Non uniform day to collect items for Music Festival tombola.
Monday 8 th June	Y6 Ancient Egyptians workshops.
Sunday 7 th June	Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Thursday 11 th June	Y5 Athletics Competition, organised by Lawnswood at Becketts Park. 9:30-1:30
Friday 12 th June	'When Trolls try to eat your Goldfish' music & poetry production by Dominic Berry brought to us by Headingley Music Festival.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak
Tuesday 16 th June	Y3/4 trio to Magna for Extreme Earth topic
Wednesday 17 th June	Class photos
Thursday 18 th June	Nurses visiting Year 6
Monday 22 nd June	Reception class trip to Tropical World
Monday 22 nd June	Y4 rugby tournament at Woodlesford Primary School after school
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 to Leeds City museum (Egyptians)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Sunday 28 th June	* Headingley Open Gardens – we are on the trail! 2pm-5pm.
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Friday 3 rd July	Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre (Egyptians topic)
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th July	Community Week including the Listening Yurt and painting the shed at HEART
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Sports Days times tbc
Tues 7 th & Wed 8 th July	Leeds Listening Yurt comes to our school.
Wednesday 8 th July	KS1 Sports Day 9am approx (tbc)
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Thursday 9 th July	Elephants Tea Party and activity day (loss & bereavement)
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 13 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal
Tuesday 14 th July	Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 th July	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16 th July	School disco? tbc
Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th July	Bikeability for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. 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 Hilary Whitehead.

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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

New groups for children in Leeds



Come to a free family taster activity:

Trailing in the woods, meet Meanwood Playground, Mon 18 May, 6.15 Games, craft and den building at Woodcraft Folk 90th Birthday Picnic, Kirkstall Abbey, Sun 24 May 12-5

Join your nearest weekly group:

Woodchips (under 6s)

Lilac Grove, Victoria Park Avenue, Bramley, Sun 10-11
Meanwood Institute, Green Rd, Thu 4-5

Shire Oak School, Wood Lane, Headingley, Fri 3.30-4.30 – NOW OPEN

Elfins (6-9s)

Bracken Edge School, Newton Rd, near Potternewton Park, day tbc
Meanwood Community Centre, Stainbeck Ave, Mon 6.15-7.30

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Pioneers (10-12s)

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