



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you for a good week. It has been lovely to see (and hear!) so many children starting **their instrument lessons** this week, some of them for the first time. Thank you to parents for helping them to get organised with their instruments. Please encourage them to practise at home before their weekly lesson. Year 4 had an introduction to **djembe** drumming with Mr Nash this week but Mr Avtar Manku will be teaching them on Tuesdays from next week. Other classes have started their curriculum music lessons too and Year 2 were very pleased that our Music Leader, Mr Alun Davies, came to teach them this week.

It was great to see Year 3 parents taking the opportunity to have **transition meetings** with Mr Martin to make sure their children make the very best start to Key Stage Two. Children across school seem to be settling in very well and enjoying the learning in their new classes. Year 6 have been taking the extra responsibility seriously and yesterday they started work in their new **Y6 Leaders** groups. With support from school adults they are in 5 teams: Eco Team, Fairtrade/Global Issues, Academic Mentoring, School Environment and Curriculum Ambassadors. They had great ideas for the year and got stuck in straight away, which is fantastic.

School dinners for this half term will cost £79.20 in Years 3 – 6. (They are currently still free in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.) It is fine to pay weekly or arrange a standing order if that is more convenient than paying half termly. Susan Koyuncu in the office can help you with this.

Thank you to the parents who were able to stay for the **FOSOPS meeting** on Tuesday morning or left their contact details. The Friends of Shire Oak Primary School have agreed a great programme of events for the year. The first one is this Saturday and is an informal autumn picnic. There is no cost and this is not a fundraiser – just a good chance for families to get to know each other and let the children play together outside of school. We will meet at the picnic benches near the car park at Meanwood Park on Saturday at 12 noon. Please bring a little food and maybe something to sit on?



Due to the efforts of FOSOPS (and in particular, Liz Craven) we have been nominated as one of the charities in local Tesco and Tesco Express stores for September and October. Shoppers can choose to nominate their favourite (pick us please!) and we then receive a share of the amount they are donating. We have said that the money is to develop the quiet area into a peaceful, pleasant place for children to be. The shelter is just phase one!

- LEEDS BOAR LANE EXP Express LS1 6EL
- EASTERLY RD LEEDS EXP Express LS8 3ES
- CLARENCE DOCK LEE EXP Express LS10 1PZ
- SHEEPSCAR EXPRESS Express LS7 1QR
- LEEDS BRIDGEWATER EXP Express LS11 5RU
- LEEDS BOND ST METRO Metro LS1 5AA
- BLEINHEIM TR LDS EXP Express LS2 9HJ
- ST PAULS ST LEEDS EXP Express LS1 2JG
- LEEDS CALVERLE ST EXP Express LS1 3DB
- LEEDS BURLEY RD EXP Express LS3 1JP
- LEEDS SEACROFT EXTRA Extra LS14 6JD
- LEEDS ROUNDHAY Superstore LS8 4BU
- ARMLEY LEEDS EXPRESS Express LS12 3AS
- LEEDS BEESTON EXP Express LS11 5HZ
- HALTON LEEDS EXP Express LS15 7JR
- MORLEY ELLAND RD EXP Express LS27 7TB

We held our first **SuperStars Assembly** of the year on Wednesday. It is always lovely to celebrate the children's achievements in and outside of school together.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Not yet coming to this assembly
Y1 (Nile)	Everyone in Y1 for making a good start to the year.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Everyone in Y2 for making a good start to the year.
Y3 (Rhine)	Isabella has had a mature & positive start to Y3 doing her job responsibly & overcoming challenges sensibly. Dilraaj has had a fantastic start to Y3, always keen to do his best & a great role model for others.
Y4 (Ganges)	Sophie B is engaged and interested in class. James W is contributing well with his partners in class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Logan has made a positive start to Y5. Erin D has set a high standard in her attitude to her work.
Y6 (Amazon)	Lukas H is making great progress with his maths passport. Benji has made a superb, positive start in Y6.
Citizen of the Week was Jordan in Year 6 who was nominated by lunchtime staff for being an outstanding buddy to the new Reception children. Well done!	

I hope you all have a great weekend, and hope to see many of you at the park on Saturday.

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Did you know?

Year 6 parents need to apply for their child's high school place by the 31st October. This can be done at www.leeds.gov.uk/secondaryschool

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 Jane Hincliffe.

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, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Monday 18 th September	*	Judo workshops in KS2. Please make sure PE kits are in school. (Children will bring home flyers afterwards for a local club)
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd Sept	*	Matthew Bellwood local walk & stories for Headingley project with Y6 then Y5.
Tuesday 26 th September		Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Wednesday 27 th September		Phonics and reading meeting for new Reception Class parents/carers TBC
Thursday 28 th September	*	Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning (by Fairtrade/Global group & FOSOPS) 8:30 – 10am
Friday 29 th September		Alive and Kicking theatre group working with Y4 (linked to Stone Age)
Monday 2 nd October		Alive and Kicking theatre group working with Y3 (linked to Stone Age)
Thursday 5 th October		Y1 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Friday 6 th October		Harvest Festival, 9am (hall). All welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food gift.
Wednesday 11 th October		Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 12 th October		Individual school photos
Friday 13 th October		Y4 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Tues 17 th & Wed 18 th October		Parents and Carers Consultation evenings after school. All children have an appointment. Children in Y5 and Y6 are expected to attend with their adult.
Thursday 19 th October	*	Movie Night
Friday 20 th October		TRAINING DAY school closed to children TBC
Thursday 2 nd November	*	Bun Sale run by Year 6 (Y6 please bring in cakes, YR-Y5 can bring up to 50p)
Monday 6 th November		Anti bullying theatre show
Monday 4 th December	*	Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, YR-Y4&6 can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 2 nd January		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 22 nd February		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 20 th June		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change		