

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who came to support **Year 2** this morning in their **class assembly**. We particularly liked their singing, their artwork, their gruesome depictions of Goldilocks and their excitement about the Great Fire of London topic. That was also evident at the end of last week when they spent a day immersed in activities related to that period in history and rounded it off with a reconstruction of the buildings and the conflagration!



Well done also to **Year 6** who have tackled their end of KS2 statutory assessments this week (SATs) with determination and a sense of proportion. The resilience, learning skills and humour they have shown this week will last them a lot, lot longer than the results of the papers will, and we are very proud of the young people they are becoming.



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our **book drive** in Reading Week earlier this year. After being

sorted out by Year 6 and delivered by parents, they have been organised and distributed by the Children's Book Project who wrote, "Thanks to your support, we can provide books to so many more children with few, or in some cases, no books of their own. Each book donated will be gifted onwards in the near future with an invitation to that child to go on an adventure and become lost in a book they can own and love. They will be distributed via schools and prisons and will help each setting to foster a real sense of themselves as a reading community."



**Shire Oak VC Primary  
School**

Thank you for your generosity in  
enabling us to send your books  
on new adventures!



Today we wish Miss Sarah Coulter well as she goes for an operation. Whilst she is recuperating, **Year 1** will be in the safe hands of their regular class staff Mrs Zaiga Pakalna and Mrs Alexa Reay. Teaching will be overseen by Mrs Sara Mitchell and Mrs Marcelle Maver, ably assisted by Miss Emma Saunders who has just completed her teacher training with us. All these adults are familiar to the children and are looking forward to supporting Y1's learning in the next few weeks. Across school we try to always cover staff with people known to the children and who know our school way of doing things. Many of you will be familiar with Mrs Liz Bennett, our regular supply teacher who we use across school and love having at Shire Oak if teachers are out of class for any reason.

Our local **PCSO** has been in touch to say that he has been pleased with the parking around school at pick up and drop off lately – so thank you for your efforts. (He also said our children – and parents – are always so well mannered and polite, which is lovely to hear, but not at all surprising!)

Have a lovely weekend. We have one more week until the half term break and then our busy last half term of the year.

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## DIARY DATES

19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Remember bikes & helmets, if you have them.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May *	Horsforth School induction day for incoming Y7
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May *	FOSOPS Meeting to plan Headingley Youth Music Festival – all welcome! 2:30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
HALF TERM no school for children 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian/road safety and eco workshops all week.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	House Team Hobby Half Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photo day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 trip to the recycling plant
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Josh Peckett's last services at St Michael's today 10am and 6:30pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Lawnswood transition visit to Shire Oak
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 mixed rugby match away at Whinmoor St Paul's after school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June *	FOSOPS Meeting to plan Headingley Youth Music Festival – all welcome! 2:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Ancient Egyptian artefacts visitor
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day at Ralph Thoresby School
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition visits to new classes
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition days for Lawnswood (extra day available as well, when needed)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July *	Carr Manor induction days for September's Y7 and enrolment evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 travel planning session for secondary school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to 29 <sup>th</sup> August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.