

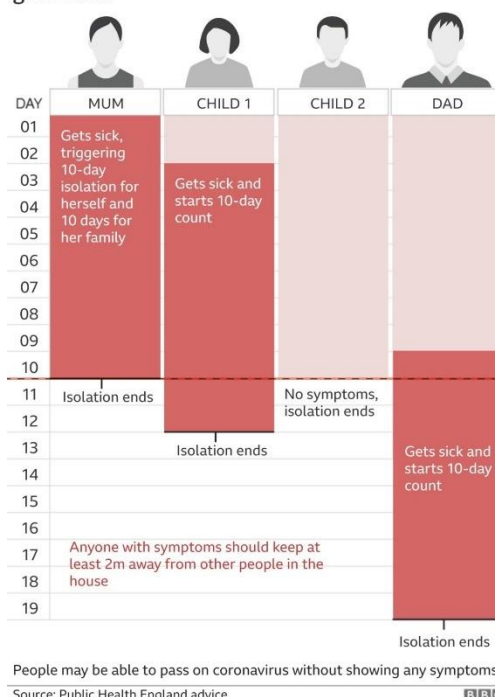


Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you so, so much for the cooperation and understanding you have shown us this week as we have dealt with positive COVID cases and the resultant contact tracing. None of us want children to be at home unnecessarily, but the advice from PHE is still (especially with younger children who cannot distance) that whole bubbles should be collapsed after a positive case has been in class. Given that Headingley and Hyde Park have had the highest infection rates in the country it was not surprising that this spilled into school, but it was still unfortunate. We were very relieved to wave Year 6 off on their long-awaited residential trip this morning, as that could so easily have been scuppered too. Since I last wrote to you there have been no further positive cases of children who have been in school, although some family members who were already self-isolating have subsequently tested positive. Although everyone is aware of the ‘classic’ COVID symptoms, it is clear that the Delta Variant is presenting **other symptoms** as well. These include a headache, a runny nose, a sore throat and stomach problems. You know that usually we encourage children to come to school if they’re just feeling a little under the weather to see if distraction and company helps them shake it off. Right now, however, I would like us all to have a much more cautious approach and keep children off school if they have any of these symptoms. I know that families may now have lateral flow test kits at home. Please can I remind you that these are for regular testing to identify asymptomatic cases in Y7 and above. If you suspect that your child has COVID symptoms, they should be booked in for a PCR test and stay at home (with siblings) until the results are back. Currently all adults in our area – regardless of symptoms – can also go for a PCR test locally to help tackle the high rates in Headingley and Hyde Park. <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-where-to-go-for-testing/> If you are a self-isolating family and things are hard – do get in touch to see if we can help. If you are not sure when household members can stop isolating (especially when there are subsequent cases in the home) this infographic may help:

What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



This last fortnight it has been lovely to welcome the 2021 **new Reception cohort** to come and look round the classroom and the outside area with their parents/carers as they start to look forward to September. It is not yet clear if we can go ahead with our Stay and Play sessions for them next week. Although we are allowed to invite children to take part in transition events, we have to be mindful of the rates in our area. I would very much like to avoid the visiting children coming into contact with a positive case here at Shire Oak and therefore missing their last fortnight at nursery. Similarly, if our staff have to self-isolate as a result of a positive contact with one of the new children, our youngest children will not have their usual staff to see out the school year. We will keep you posted as soon as we know.



Well done to Year 4 who put together a lovely **class assembly** with lots of sharing about their class residential trip to Lineham Farm. We have enjoyed watching it this morning and hope Y4 parents see it soon too. Thank you to Ms Barley, Miss Smith and Mr Marshall for good remote collaboration to put it together! (Link at the end of this newsletter.)



Thank you to Bram’s family who gave Y1 a **caterpillar hatching kit**. Year 1 got the caterpillars off to a good start, passed them on to Y2 when they went home but then Mr Nash ended up taking care of them through their life cycle change. Here are children from Y4 releasing the butterflies in our Nature Garden. (Hopefully Y1 have seen the photos and videos on Tapestry as well.)



If having to self-isolate, a good thing to do is spend time working on **Maths Passport** targets. Children across school have been working hard to make sure they move onto a new continent before the end of the school year. Well done to these mathematical travellers in Year 3! If you want to check targets or find online games to help with practising them, our website can help: <https://www.shireoak.org/learning-at-home>

Well done to all our **children working hard at their learning** in school or at home using Tapestry or Google Classroom, their Maths Passports, spellings, reading books, etc. We are looking forward to having you all back in school by the end of the week and to hearing about what Year 6 got up to on their special trip away.

Have a great weekend.

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PS If your child is isolating, do let them watch this Y4 assembly →



DIARY DATES

Monday 5 th July	Role models in sport assemblies
Tuesday 6 th July	Y2 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am TO BE RESCHEDULED
Wednesday 7 th July *	Shire Oak transition day TO BE RESCHEDULED
Wednesday 7 th July *	New Reception class Stay and Play WITH REGRET THIS MAY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED
Thursday 8 th July	TRAINING DAY – this is the last one to be scheduled this year. We were previously unable to book the training we had planned, which is why this is later notice than usual.
w/c 12 th July	The Scrap Shed should be arriving!
Tuesday 13 th July	(Virtual) visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13 th July	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 am TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day pm TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Closing date for Wonder Day competition entries
Thursday 15 th July *	Y3 & Y4 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Friday 16 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day am TBC
Tuesday 20 th July *	Y5 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 5/6 Performances to school (pm) and parents/carers (evening) TBC (Given current prevalence rates and track and trace requirements, this will be livestreamed or recorded)
Thursday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am (for Y6, Y5 and Y6 parents this year)
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term including end of year assembly
Monday 26 th and Tuesday 27 th July	These two days will be taken as Training Days as we have not been able to book our training in person earlier in the year.
(Saturday 31 st July)	Wonder Day at HEART. Our children's competition entries will be displayed
Friday 22 nd October	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Friday 19 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
27 th – 29 th April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
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.	

High Schools have had to amend their transition plans given the high COVID rates locally and the delayed roadmap. Most are now offering virtual sessions although Lawnswood, Prince Henry's and perhaps others are offering 1:1 tours for children and parents by arrangement or in the summer, as Carr Manor are doing. Y6 parents please make sure you have seen the communication from your child's high school to be sure what the arrangements are and if you need to contact them. If visits are on offer I would recommend that your child is given the opportunity to see the school to help lessen fears for the first day in September.

Be Curious

Monday 5th – Thursday 15th July 2021

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Design, imagine, make, do, glue, explore and more at Be Curious 2021!

Join the University of Leeds, Monday 5 -Thursday 15 July, as our annual research open event Be Curious, goes LIVE with a jam-packed programme of FREE online events for families and adults alike!

Get ready for BLAST OFF! We're going on a very special trip to outer space on Saturday 10th July and you're invited! Broadcasting live with the Unlimited Space Agency all day, join our crew of space scientists, oceanographers, earthquake experts and Antarctic explorers for a fun-filled day of family activities, interviews and the opportunity to grill our experts as they take the hot seat.

And brand new for 2021: we're introducing a series of Be Curious LATES events, exclusively for grown-ups. Tune in and get to grips with everything from the world-leading to the wondrous research that goes on inside a university.

All events are free to attend! View the full programme & register at www.leeds.ac.uk/becurious

Are you still looking for childcare or holiday activities this summer? **Art Camp** use our building and grounds to run a good mixture of experiences for children. They say:

“The best art camp in the known and unknown universe”

The famous Summer Camp is back !!

26th July – 27th August

Shire Oak Primary School LS6

08.45-16.00

**£37.50 per day 10% siblings / weekly booking discount / shire oak pupil discount
age 4.5 – 13**

We have such a fun summer organised!

We will run a mini art camp for children aged 4.5-6yrs olds and a junior art camp for 6-13.

We shall continue with bubbling and have two bubbles for the minis and three bubbles for the juniors.

We have so much fun planned, from water slides, miniature ponies, alpacas, pop singing, film making, TV presenting, outdoor adventure, forest schools, bush craft, outdoor arts and crafts, bush crafts, yoga, circus skills, cookery, mini disco, dance, drama, music, DJing and lots and lots of surprises

This is always a sell out please book early

[07944558232](tel:07944558232)

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Click on these timetables to view and download a larger version:

Shire Oaks Mini Camp Week 1

26th – 30th July Daily Schedule

2 bubbles rotating activities

Shire Oaks Junior Camp Week 1

26th – 30th July Daily Schedule

3 bubbles rotating activities

Monday 26 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Pop singing 	Outdoor Story telling 
Tuesday 27 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Cookery 	Outdoor Craft 
Wednesday 28 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Dance 	Forest School 
Thursday 29 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Drama 	Outdoor Craft 
Friday 30 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Mini Disco 	Rubbish Sculpture 

Monday 26 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Drama 	Learn to DJ 	Forest School 
Tuesday 27 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Art & Design 	Pop singing 	Forest School 
Wednesday 28 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Filmmaking 	Dance 	Outdoor Activities 
Thursday 29 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Cookery 	Outdoor Adventure 	Forest School 
Friday 30 th July 8.45am – 3.45pm	Theatre 	TV presenting 	Forest School 