



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in **Bikeability** sessions this week. Some children learned how to properly ride a bike for the first time. Some did so well they were assessed as being confident enough to ride on the roads and learn how to cycle safely in traffic. We do this in the summer term of Year 6 every year so Year 5 parents might want to encourage their child to start practising now so they can be as confident as possible when it comes to the proficiency assessment.



In assembly this week the oldest children in School Council shared their follow up to last year's **Pupil Survey** with a presentation on 'You said > We did' that they had worked on with Amy, one of the governors. They explained the equipment bought and changes made following the results as well as the things that they and the governors had been finding out more about. They explained that some things (like wanting giant water slides) were beyond their powers. They encouraged the children to fill in this year's Pupil Survey soon and Asa shared a prayer he had written which finished with, "Thank you for giving us voices and mouths so we can stand up and speak for ourselves."

We would like to encourage parents and carers to also give their opinions about school life at Shire Oak so that we can celebrate what is working well and plan for improvement. Please do take the time to fill in this online **Parent Survey** by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. <https://forms.gle/5nDpYeif8SRB1k3p7> We always appreciate your feedback and we were very pleased to receive some lovely compliments after our recent Eid assembly.

Our parents, families and friends play an important part in the life of our school and tomorrow is a good example of that when volunteers join us to spruce up the school grounds. We really appreciate the time you are giving and look forward to seeing you tomorrow for **Groundforce Day**. Whilst we are drumming up volunteers, thank you to everyone who has signed up already to help at our music festival in June. We are looking for anyone who would be happy to do **facepainting** – please let us know!

This week we have been returning to our usual great attendance levels with only 1 absence on Tuesday and none at all on Wednesday and Thursday! Fantastic news.

I hope you have a good weekend and will see many of you tomorrow.

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**DIARY DATES**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Groundforce Day with free barbecue 10am to 1pm.
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Week Including road/pedestrian safety (YR-Y3 Mon) & scooter safety training (Y4 Y5 Fri)
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Audiology nurses in school to see Y1 children
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Art Camp run holidays activities here (discount for SO children) <a href="https://www.artcampuk.com/">https://www.artcampuk.com/</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> June deadline for World Cup mascot design competition
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Girls' Cricket tournament
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Royal Jubilee picnic lunch (book by 6 <sup>th</sup> May if not already on school dinners)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Golden Acre park
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	YR trip to Harewood House
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (please bring tombola prizes for the summer fair at HYMF)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital pm. All children who learn an instrument may perform.
20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week including after school picnic event on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Y1/2 trip to Makkah Mosque / Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Y3/4 trip to Sinai Synagogue Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Y6 trip to Mandir temple in Hyde Park / Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Y5 to Sikh Temple in Chapeltown Friday – round the world music performance in school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Meetings for Reception Class 2022 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community: it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities & other music-making 12-4pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	After school sports event to raise money for Rob Burrows' Motor Neuron Disease Centre
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 trip to Filey
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (this is instead of Filey)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning Y5 Y6 Sports Day in the afternoon
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
SUMMER HOLIDAY. From the 25 <sup>th</sup> July Art Camp run holidays activities on our site. <a href="https://www.artcampuk.com/">https://www.artcampuk.com/</a> We have some free places for families in need – contact us.	
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	

**CALLING ALL....  
WIND, BRASS and PERCUSSION  
PLAYERS**

**Join the SUPER Combined Schools  
Band for its performance at the...**

***Headingley Youth Music Festival***  
on June 25 2022.

Rehearsals every Friday 3.30-4.30pm Kirkstall  
Valley PS – and other venues and dates TBC.

Contact: [joelle@braithwaite.me.uk](mailto:joelle@braithwaite.me.uk) to join.



Music includes: Queen, Star Wars and Jurassic Park, funky latin tunes and epic fanfares.

Instruments welcomed: flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, horn, tuba, keyboard, xylophone, drums and percussion.