



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for our **Harvest Festival** on Friday morning. We haven't quite got used to the demand for in-person events nor the increased working from home flexibility some families are enjoying! Nevertheless, we all managed to budge up and squeeze in to share children's learning and say thank you together. Rainbow Junction were very pleased with all the donations they received from us so thank you for everything you sent in to share. This week I have also been pleased to see the variety of **Sukkot shelters** made in each class as we learned more about this Jewish harvest festival.

Staying on the autumnal theme, this Saturday it is our **Woodland Walk**. All families are welcome to join us and it is generally particularly popular with Reception Class and other families who are new to school and want to get to know others. We meet at the school gates on Wood Lane at 12 o'clock to head off for a walk on The Ridge together. We then return to school by 1:30 for a drink and warm snack. Thank you to the FOSOPS parents who have volunteered to help with the food and clearing up!

We have been given new guidance for our **medicines in school** policy. Generally, we only give out labelled medicines that have been prescribed (and then only if it really needs to be taken during the school day.) There are some exceptions, e.g. paracetamol for period pain or where it has been advised by a doctor. Unless it is



prescribed, we cannot give aspirin and ibuprofen has now been added to the list. Any medicine that is brought into school needs to be taken to the office and a form filled out and signed before we can administer it. Parents may also come to school and administer medicine themselves, if appropriate.

I was so pleased to see this picture of the **Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band** rehearsing. If your child plays a brass, wind or percussion instrument then they can join too. The band currently meet on Fridays after school at Kirkstall Valley Primary School.

Thanks very much to Mr Mark Smith from Lawnswood School who brought his crate of puzzles and activities to Year 5 today. Always a fun session



and a great way for our children to start seeing that secondary teachers are also lovely and interesting too! One of the other ways we help children to get ready for the move to high school is by running Bikeability sessions in the summer term. These help the children to improve their cycling proficiency and also, if they are doing well, to go out and learn cycling skills on the road. Every year there are some children not quite competent/confident enough to do the road sessions, which can be a disappointment to them when they've just got the bike bug. I mention this because it can be worth trying to get some cycling done before then so that they have a better chance of progressing through all the level. In half term there are free **Learn to Ride** sessions being held at Carr Manor Community School. Bikes and helmets are provided. More information can be found at: <https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children>



Well done to **Year 3** for such a lovely **class assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed hearing about Forest School and swimming, as well as all your class book that is inspiring your writing and all the science about light you have been learning in class! Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Are not yet joining SuperStars assembly
Y1 (Nile)	Alun follows instructions, listens and does his best. Judith has a positive attitude and is keen to work hard and do her best.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Jonah is writing more and choosing to write during area time. Hamza is a creative and enthusiastic writer setting a good example for others.
Y3 (Rhine)	Alice H always has a positive attitude to her learning. Elliot has massively improved his writing with a great use of vocabulary.
Y4 (Ganges)	Ella is a kind and helpful member of the class and works well with others in paired or group work. Gracie has settled well into Y4 and is showing herself to be a switched on learner.
Y5 (Tigris)	Noah can apply his place value knowledge to different types of questions. Hannah brings a mature and measured approach to Y5.
Y6 (Amazon)	Aaron has done some superb independent maths work. Frankie has been applying new skills in maths.
Citizen of the Week , nominated by Rhian, was Emma because she is always kind and never picks sides when people fall out; she helps everyone.	
Well done to these children (and any others) who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one: Charlie R-B	

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at the **Woodland Walk** on Saturday!

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DIARY DATES	
Saturday 15 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk
Wednesday 19 th October	Second autumn parents and carers consultation evening
Thursday 20 th October	Y2 trip to York Railway Museum
TRAINING DAY Friday 21 st October. School closed to children	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October. www.artcampuk.com/ will be running a playscheme here:	
Tuesday 1 st November	Rugby Club trip to watch a World Cup match at Headingley
Friday 4 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight begins
Tuesday 8 th November	YR trip to Pizza Express TBC
Wednesday 9 th Nov	Vikings visitor for Y6
Thursday 10 th November	Y1 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 11 th November	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Mon/Tues 14 th /15 th Nov	D:Side Internet Safety workshops across school
Wed 16 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school to celebrate outdoor learning and the changing of the seasons. Free entry and activities with food and drink to buy. All welcome!
Friday 18 th November	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Friday 18 th November	Anti Bullying Theatre workshops for KS2
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu immunisations in school
Thursday 24 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents. (Current parents also welcome to tour) 9:15am

Friday 25 th November	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Tuesday 29 th November	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On at St Michael's with Shire Oak choir TBC 5:15pm
Friday 2 nd December	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
5 th – 7 th December	Year 6 Residential at Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden
Thursday 8 th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performances am and pm
Thursday 8 th December	Book Club visit to Leeds Playhouse production of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Tuesday 13 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas Dinner (children on packed lunches can book this in advance via office)
Thursday 15 th December	Alive and Kicking Theatre in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd January. School closed to pupils.	
TRAINING DAY. Tuesday 3 rd January. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 4 th January	Welcome back to the spring term!
Friday 6 th January *	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day. TBC
Wed 11 th January *	Reception Class 'How we teach maths' meeting 2:15pm TBC
Thursday 12 th January *	Open Morning for prospective parents.
Friday 13 th January *	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 19 th January *	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 2 nd February *	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 20 th January *	Local MP Alex Sobel visiting Y2
Tuesday 24 th January *	Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York
Friday 27 th January *	Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Tuesday 7 th February *	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th to 10 th February *	Y4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 th to 17 th February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21 st February *	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall
Monday 27 th February *	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Thursday 2 nd March *	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3 rd March *	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Wednesday 8 th March *	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 th March. School closed to pupils.	
13 th to 17 th March *	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Wednesday 15 th March *	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 th March *	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 th March *	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 th March *	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Wednesday 22 nd March*	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 th March *	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 th March *	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 th March *	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 th to 29 th March *	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 st March *	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 rd April to 14 th April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 th April *	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Sunday 23 rd April *	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Wednesday 26 th April *	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 th April *	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 st May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 th May *	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th to 12 th May *	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 12 th May *	Y2 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 17 th May *	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 th to 19 th May *	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 nd to 26 th May *	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	
5 th to 9 th June *	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children

Wednesday 7 th June	*	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.		
Friday 16 th June	*	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	*	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June	*	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Saturday 24 th June	*	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 th to 30 th June	*	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	*	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	*	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	*	Y2 Assembly
17 th and 18 th July	*	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	*	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	*	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	*	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	*	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.		
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar		
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.		