



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week to round off the first half term of the year. Reception parents – if this is your first school child please be reassured that a week's break will do them the world of good and they won't be this tired again... well at least not until Christmas week!

Reception Class (and all the helpers) enjoyed their trip to **Pizza Express** in Headingley this week and made some very impressive pizzas to take home. They were a credit to the school and have had lots to talk about and use in their learning since they got back.



Thank you to everyone for working with us to make sure that almost everybody got a **parents' evening appointment**. It was so good to hear the positive conversations about the children's learning and wellbeing. If you have any **feedback** about parents' evenings (perhaps about the change from having assessment data to discuss) then please do let me know – we are always glad to hear from you. If you did not manage to make an appointment this week and haven't had a recent conversation with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) then please do speak to them directly or via the office to make an appointment for after half term.

I just had to let a euphoric coach Marshall hold the front page:

SHIRE OAK IN GOAL EVERY 2 MINUTES SEASON OPENER.

After weeks of training developing their passing game Shire Oak were raring to go for the home game against Bramley. Electing to attack the very muddy end of the usual Shire Oak mud bath pitch the children were able to put their passing practice to good use in their half and then do the best they could as they got in the opposition's goal mouth. The positive approach worked early on and the team had soon slotted 4 goals past the Bramley keeper. They hit back with a goal that got the boys and girls fired up and at half time it was 8-1.



Defending the, now even muddier, goalmouth Shire Oak made the score 10-1 early in the second half but then started to leak goals from corners and long throw ins as Bramley threw caution to the wind. At 11-5 with ten minutes left it was still all to play for when Jayden ran through the whole of the opposition to score an amazing goal. He ran riot after that, ending up with a triple hat-trick! **Final score Shire Oak 16 (sixteen) Bramley 7**



Mr Marshall is feeling particularly pleased with himself at the end of this week because Thursday also saw him successfully passing the tricky local authority **minibus driver test**, first time. We hope this means that with borrowed minibuses we can get to sporting fixtures and other events more easily. Thank you Chris!

November 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30						1
2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

On Monday the new **Attendance Improvement Officer** for our cluster of schools came to speak to the children in assembly. She was launching the **Give it 100%** competition. Any child who manages to attend school every day for the whole of November will be entered into a prize draw. Sheila has organised two prizes for each class and School Council have made posters promoting the competition.

FOSOPS met this week and are busy planning the **Fancy Dress disco**. They would really like volunteers to help with serving refreshments, taking tickets, helping to look after the children and tidying up afterwards. Volunteers are particularly needed for the KS2 disco as this generally has less parents in attendance. Please see me, Liz Craven (caretaker), Marcelle Maver (deputy head) or any FOSOPS member to offer your services. Alternatively you can email fosops@gmail.com

From the **Woodcraft group** that meet at our school:

Shire Oak Woodcraft group will be playing outdoor games next to Meanwood Park playground on Sat 1st November. Supervised children are welcome to drop in between 2 and 4pm, followed by a Halloween fancy dress procession into the woods! There are plans to open new local Woodcraft groups for 3-5 and 9-12 year olds, (in addition to the existing Thursday evening group for 6-9 year olds). The Woodcraft Folk is a national educational organisation that aims to develop children's self-confidence and awareness of the world, through fun activities, promoting equality, friendship and cooperation. For more info, see www.woodcraft.org.uk or contact Katy Redgrave on 07908 379983 or at newgroups@woodcraft.org.uk.



From Leeds City Council:

Applying for Year 7 Secondary School places to start September 2015

The deadline for applying for Y7 places for next year is 31 October 2014 and our on-line application system will close at midnight on that date for secondary applications (the on-line system will remain open for primary applications). If parents prefer they may apply via a paper form and hand their completed forms into school for the school to forward to admissions. Amy Vernon from the Choice Advice Service can support parents if they are struggling with the application process. Parents can contact Choice.advice@leeds.gov.uk 0113 3951183.

Offer day is 2nd March this year and parents who apply on-line will receive an email with their offer any time from midnight onwards. Parents who apply on a paper form will have their offer posted to them 2nd class on the 2nd March so may not receive this until later in the week. We will be sending further updates nearer the time which will include details of how to go on waiting lists and how to appeal, etc.

Applying for primary places (Reception) to start September 2015

The application process (including our on-line system) opens on 1 November 2014 and runs until the deadline of 15th January 2015. By the end of October, parents/carers should receive a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply for a reception place. Again, parents may choose to apply on a paper form and they hand this in directly to schools. PS Don't forget to tell prospective parents about our Open Days!

Well done to this week's **Superstars** who were chosen by their teachers and the other adults who work in school.

Class	This Week's SuperStars
Reception (Thames)	(On a trip to Pizza Express where they were all great pizza chefs and ambassadors.)
Y1 (Nile)	Hunter sets a good example and is working hard on his written work and Lia always works hard and does the right thing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Lily-Rose has shown great perseverance in working on her Maths Passport target and Kyarna is a star for excellent work in maths and trying her best.
Y3 (Rhine)	Ella has been doing her best to make each piece of work better than the next and Jago has persevered well with an art project.
Y4 (Ganges)	Zac is trying hard to do more writing in English lessons and Matthew has written an extremely detailed recount for the recent visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.
Y5 (Tigris)	Chennel's work is always of a good standard and she is helping others in class and Dwayne is putting top effort into his work and is becoming a real Switched On Shire Oak learner.

Y6 (Amazon)

Max is developing a mature attitude towards his learning and **Teagan** has been learning her times tables.

The **Citizen of the Week** was **Arthur** in Y2 who has shown great kindness to a friend in maths by quietly and considerately supporting him to find the right answer.



Thank you to Y2 for a lovely **class assembly** this morning. Thank you to the friends and family who came to watch and enjoyed your rap video about adjectives as well as all your work on celebrations. On that note, **Happy Divali** to families celebrating this week. We have marked the festival in classes but did not manage to squeeze in our usual Divali assembly this year. It will return in 2015!



I hope you have a restful and fun half term break. Thank you for all your support so far this school year.

Jane Astrid Devane

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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 Hilary Whitehead.

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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)



**Bun sale
after
school
today!**

DIARY DATES

Friday 24 th October	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Reception Class please.
Friday 31 st October	Deadline for high school place applications
Mon 27 th -Fri 31 st October	HALF TERM (Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme)
Monday 3 rd November	Back to school. The provisional training day on this date has been moved.
Tuesday 4 th November	Homework projects due in (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 4 th November	FOSOPS Fancy Dress Disco (Foundation Stage/KS1 4:30-5:30, then KS2 5:45-6:45)
Thursday 6 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Thursday 6 th November	Sports Hall Athletics Event (18 children from Y5/6) at Ralph Thoresby, 2:30-4pm.
Friday 7 th November	TRAINING DAY. This is the date that replaces the provisional date given before. We will be working on growth mindsets and building confidence in maths.
Friday 14 th November	Year 3 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 19 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, all welcome. 9:15am.
Friday 21 st November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 26 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Thursday 27 th November	The Power of One anti-bullying show, a.m.
Friday 28 th November	Year 5 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. Staff and students from Leeds City Academy will be available after assembly to talk to parents.
Friday 5 th December	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. This is a change from the 7 th November.
Friday 5 th December	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y1 please.
Wed 10 th to Fri 12 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas production, pm. (Dress rehearsal the day before)
Tues 16 th and Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas parties
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church , 10:30am All welcome
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 th January	First day back at school
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, all welcome. 9:15am.
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 nd January	Movie Night
Friday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 th February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	Year 4 Residential, Beverley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies afternoon
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Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night	
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY	
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.	
Wednesday 1 st July *	Ramadan and Eid assembly (tbc)	
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.	
Monday 20 th July *	Y6 Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church (tbc)	
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term	

New or changed items marked with *

A fun packed treat for all the family

Saturday 1st November 12 – 3pm
Moortown Baptist Church,
204 King Lane, Leeds, LS17 6AA

A great opportunity to start that Christmas shopping or just grab a bargain! New and nearly new toys, clothes and baby equipment. Taster music & dance sessions for babies and children. Refreshments, raffle, games and more!

All proceeds raised in support of Joseph Lillywhites Journey – Raising money to fight neuroblastoma – an aggressive children's cancer. You can contact us at hello@josephlillywhite.co.uk

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