



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a busy time of year! We were delighted to welcome Year 6 back from their three-day **residential trip** to Robinwood – tired, but happy. They received lots of compliments on their positive attitude, resilience and behaviour. We are really looking forward to seeing that ‘can do’ attitude back in the classroom. Thank you so much to the staff who gave up their time to take them.



Year 3 were also very active this weekend as they took part in a **Leeds University Sports Festival** on Thursday afternoon. They had lots of fun investigating balance and coordination with the students. The class impressed our hosts with their skills and the way they encouraged each other.



The choir have started their **carol singing** in the community. This week we visited Victoria Court where the children charmed with their singing, signing and lovely conversations about Christmas with the residents.



Well done to the children in **Book Club**

who delighted us with their play in Wednesday's assembly. They have been reading *Oliver Twist* and used their understanding of this classic novel to write and act out their own script-in-hand play. We enjoyed their retelling and hope they enjoy going to watch *Oliver* at Leeds Playhouse next week! →



We enjoyed another great assembly this week when **Year 4** shared their learning with us. We were impressed with their enthusiasm and the breadth of learning they have been doing across the whole national curriculum.



Thank you to FOSOPS who have been busy raising funds for our outdoor spaces. They have been selling raffle tickets, disco tickets and packs of Christmas cards designed by our children. Thank you to all who donated prizes!



Well done to **Kai** in Year One who helped collect donations at the Meanwood Lights Switch On. It's always great to hear of our children serving in the community.

I have tried to summarise overleaf the main events happening in the next two weeks. They are busy weeks and the children will be tired and need help to pace themselves and the excitement of things happening inside and outside school.

Have a lovely weekend!

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Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
<p>Back up tours of school for visitors who missed Open Morning (Y6)</p> <p>Disco tickets, raffle tickets and Christmas cards on sale in the playground in the morning. (Now with a card machine!)</p>	<p>Y3 Forest School as usual</p> <p>After school football tournament (some of Y5 &amp; Y6)</p> <p>D:Side sessions on Internet Safety</p> <p>Disco tickets, raffle tickets and Christmas cards on sale in the playground am.</p>	<p>Dress rehearsal of plays for the rest of school to watch a.m.</p> <p>School nurses to see YR and Y6.</p> <p>Y4 djembe as usual</p> <p>Disco tickets, raffle tickets and Christmas cards on sale in the playground am.</p>	<p>Nativity Plays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception 9:30- c.9:45am</li> <li>Year 1/2 10:15 – c.11am</li> <li>Reception 1:30 – c.1:45pm</li> <li>Year 1/2 2:15 – c. 3pm</li> </ul> <p>Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse</p> <p>Disco tickets, raffle tickets and Christmas cards on sale in the playground am.</p>	<p>Y3 swimming as usual</p> <p>D:Side sessions on Internet Safety</p> <p>Y4 Romans Day (dressing up optional)</p> <p>Some of choir singing at Headingley Hall</p> <p>Last morning to buy disco and raffle tickets – please don't ask the office as they don't have them.</p>
Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
<p>Raffle tickets being drawn</p> <p>Some of choir singing at Headingley Library</p>	<p>Carol Service in church, 10:15 am</p> <p>School Christmas dinner</p> <p>Some of choir singing at Wheatfields Hospice pm</p> <p>Y3 Forest School as usual</p>	<p>Christmas discos (hot dog, sweets &amp; drink included in ticket, so don't send any money please)</p> <p>Reception 3:45-4:45pm in their classroom.</p> <p>Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3 3:45-4:45pm in the hall.</p> <p>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 5:00 – 6:00pm in the hall.</p> <p>Go home and get changed first. If booked into Acorn Club children can get changed there.)</p>	<p>Christmas party day</p> <p>Children can wear a Christmas jumper, top, or their own choice. Bottoms do not have to be school uniform, but should be appropriate for indoors and outdoors!</p> <p>Party day includes an entertainer, activities with the class and a party lunch. (If not having school dinner, packed lunches can have party food/more treats than usual.)</p>	<p>No swimming in the final week</p>



Yesterday was the first day of Chanukah. Here Year 6 were lighting the first candle in the Hannukiah as darkness fell. **Chanukah Sameach** to all our families celebrating this festival.



## DIARY DATES

12 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Inter Schools football tournament hosted by Lawnswood School
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses to see YR and Y6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Roman day with external visitor. Children can dress up as Romans if they like!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Some of choir singing at Headingley Hall care home
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Some of choir carol singing at Headingley Library.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:15am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December *	Rescheduled carol singing at Wheatfields Hospice
Wed'sday 20 <sup>th</sup> December *	Christmas discos R/1/2/3 3:45-4:45pm and Y4/5/6 5:00-6:00 pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church that many of our children enjoy. School is closed to children. <a href="#">Art Camp</a> are running a holiday club.</p>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play in YR/Y1/Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class trip to Pizza Express (TBC)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Leeds Rhinos assembly about healthy lifestyles
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 chocolate trip to York TBC
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum TBC
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Lunar New Year Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Workshops in school.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 piano and science workshop as part of Leeds International Piano Festival
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC
18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY. School wil be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!

22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to recycling plant TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' trip
TERM DATES: <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>	

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

