



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Today was a sad but celebratory day for many people in school as Reverend Tony Whatmough from St Michael's came to say goodbye to us. **Rev Tony** (as the children call him) was due to retire this spring and we had a special surprise church service planned for him. Lockdown scuppered our planning, and also Tony's retirement, but he is now about to move on from the parish. Rev Tony – and Meg the dog – are well known in the community and in our school and we will miss him. As we couldn't gather together for a service or assembly, Tony instead came to the door of each classroom and was treated to special thank yous and goodbyes from Year One all the way to Year Six. There were homemade cards, greetings in different languages, a personalised cheerleading routine, singing, pictures and special prayers. We gave him some special glassware with Shire Oak acorns to remember us by and Meg the dog got a specially customised dog lead from us. We wish Tony all the best for his retirement and thank him for his support, encouragement and visits over the last few years.



Rev Tony



Thank you for all the donations of **school uniform** that we have received. We have had to temporarily pause collecting new-to-you uniform as we were running out of space to store it (and the caretaking team who usually sort it out have been busy disinfecting all day long!) Kate Wright (FOSOPS) has kindly taken on the task of sorting it out for now. If you would like to top up your uniform stocks or your child has had a growth spurt, then please text Kate to let her know which items and sizes you are looking for and she will be able to arrange collection for you. (You will be able to check condition of the item before committing.) You can text or message/WhatsApp her on 07970724408 (Please do not ring or leave voicemail.)

Please watch out for an email from Chris Marshall, our Computing Lead, about **access to digital devices** at home. In the event of us having to close a bubble or local restrictions being put in place, it would be very useful to us to know who struggles to access the learning that we share online. That way we would know where to target any support we are able to access from the government scheme or from our own stocks. Ideally we would love to lend every child a ChromeBook that could be dedicated to school work, but as that won't be possible we are trying to find out what the needs are in our community. Similarly, where connection to the Internet is by mobile phone data only, or there is none, it would be helpful to know that in case we can help with wifi dongles, or similar. Please use the last question to explain anything you think we ought to know.

You may be pleased to know that we are currently exploring how to get some of our **after school and lunchtime clubs** up and running again. Some, like choirs, are still restricted by government guidelines but we hope to trial some before half term with a view to developing as full a programme as we can this term and in the spring term. Ordinarily we do not seek permission from parents for lunchtime clubs such as Lego Club, but if there will be any mixing of bubbles, we will. Please, therefore, keep an eye out for club letters, even if you are not planning for your child to stay after school to do any activities.

Reception, Year One and Year Two are now eating their **lunch** in the dining hall which brings us another step closer to serving hot dinners again. (Although most children are quite enjoying the novelty of the grab bags for now!) Reception Class impressed us last week on their first lunchtime. We are sorry that we could not invite parents to join us this year – although it maybe made Monday a little easier with no confused children wondering why their grown up wasn't joining them every day for lunch!



The **roofing** works are due to be finished by the middle of next week, with all the scaffolding, etc. removed the following weekend. We are proud of how sensible the children have been when they have seen workers on the roof. The weather forecast for the end of next week suggests we may well get an early chance to check just how watertight the new roof is! Please can I remind you that we try to avoid keeping the children in at playtimes and are getting outdoors as much as possible – especially for PE. Please ensure the children have **appropriate footwear and coats** to cope with whatever the weather throws at us. This Wednesday the teachers enjoyed their staff meeting which was training with Ian Martin on the use of **The Ridge** for walks and Forest School activities. Perhaps you spotted us with our clipboards? Again, having stout shoes and a coat in school help us to be able to use the lovely natural spaces on our doorstep.

Thank you to families for keeping us up to date about any reasons for **absence**. Not surprisingly after such a long period away from school, children (and adults) are picking up colds, etc. For runny and bunged up noses you can just follow what you would normally do to decide whether your child is well enough to come to school. If, however, it is accompanied by a new persistent or continuous cough, a high temperature or altered/lost sense of smell and/or taste then a COVID-19 test should be sought. I know this can be frustrating when you know your children so well, but we must follow the guidance. The national testing system has not coped well with the surge in demand as schools and workplaces have reopened. Leeds has put in place some emergency testing sites and if you absolutely cannot get a test then please ask if we can share the details of the sites. We also have a small number of home test kits in school, for anyone facing significant barriers to getting tested.

Finally, I understand that the **Headingley Pre School** on our site have closed temporarily following a confirmed case of COVID in their community. Although the person became symptomatic a few days after being in contact with Pre School during their induction week, an abundance of caution and staff shortages due to isolation on the advice of Public Health England mean that they will be closed until the 25<sup>th</sup> September. They have informed families affected. Unless Pre School children themselves become symptomatic this does not affect their siblings attending school.

Have a lovely weekend.

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PS Please find attached a letter from Leeds City Council to parents of school age children.

### DIARY DATES

Ordinarily we give as many dates for the year ahead as possible (e.g. Harvest, assemblies, Christmas nativity plays, etc. We are currently having to plan these nearer to the event to comply with the most recent guidance. Instead of a Harvest Festival assembly in the hall this year, we will work on an outdoor celebration instead.	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September *	Phonics meeting for Reception Class parent. This year it will be a video followed by questions and answers on Zoom at 5:30pm.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Kidzone and/or Art Camp should be running a playscheme)	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	TRAINING DAY
<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	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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



# MUSIC FOR ALL!

The Music Centre will be opening again for 2020-21 on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. All ages are welcome, from under-5s to over-60s. We have something for everyone, from fun beginner groups to advanced ensembles, covering all styles and levels of experience.

**Free instrument hire** Want to try out a new instrument? We can provide a year's free-of-charge instrument hire for beginners (subject to availability). After the first year a small charge applies.

**Crèche** Our crèche is available as a safe and friendly space to leave younger children while siblings or parents are in classes. Email for more information.

**Enrolment** You can enrol online now at [www.artformsleeds.co.uk](http://www.artformsleeds.co.uk). To be sure of a place, please enrol as far in advance of September 26<sup>th</sup> as you can – some classes will fill up quickly!

Missed enrolment? Don't worry, you can join many classes and groups at any point in the year – contact us for more information.

**COVID-19** To make sure that our students and staff stay as safe as possible during the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have put many new procedures in place, including smaller group sizes, social distancing and extra hygiene measures. For more information on this, please see [www.artformsleeds.co.uk](http://www.artformsleeds.co.uk).

## What does it cost?

We aim to keep Music Centre fees as affordable as possible. There is an enrolment fee of £36, payable once per family, to join the Music Centre. If you only want to take one class and are joining on your own, the enrolment fee is just £19 (under 18) or £26 (adult).

A fee is then payable for each class or group you join. The easiest way to pay is via a monthly direct debit, which spreads the cost for the 27 weeks that Music Centres are open over ten equal instalments (October to July).

The cost for a regular class (under 45 minutes) is:

	Per month	Per year
Under 18 / unwaged over 60	£11.80	£118
Adult	£13.90	£139
Younger children's classes / SEN	£10.30	£103

For longer activities (45 minutes or more):

	Per month	Per year
Under 18 / unwaged over 60	£16.50	£165
Adult	£19.60	£196

For one-to-one lessons (per 15-minute block):

	Per month	Per year
Under 18 / unwaged over 60	£180	£180
Adult	£21.60	£216

Special Rate for starter ensembles (String Up string orchestra, Blow It woodwind ensemble, Junior Rock Band):

	Per month	Per year
Under 18 only	£10.50	£105

You can also pay in advance for the whole year if you wish. Cash, cheques and credit cards are accepted.

**Concessions** Families on qualifying benefits (including Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit and others) may be eligible for a discount of up to 66% on the above prices, to a maximum of £100 per student. Max Cards are also accepted for looked after children. For more information, please contact the Music Centre office, or call the ArtForms office on 0113 378 2850.

Want to learn to play an instrument or sing? Already play but want to improve? Get expert tuition and friendly support at...



# HORSFORTH MUSIC CENTRE

Great value for money – affordable rates with concessions and special offers

Play or sing in a group – all levels of experience in different musical styles

All ages welcome! From fun under-5s groups to advanced ensembles

Saturday mornings at Horsforth School, Lee Lane East, Leeds LS18 5RF

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## HORSFORTH MUSIC CENTRE timetable September 2020

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	Beginner	Beginner-Improver	Continuation	Further Continuation	Teacher	
		Approx. 6 months playing	Approx. 1 year playing	Approx. 2 years playing		
STRINGS	Violin	9am-9.40	9.45-10.25	10.30-11.10	12.20-1pm	tbc
	Viola	Limited 1:1 slots available by arrangement				tbc
	Cello	9am-9.40		10.15-10.55	Limited 1:1 slots available by arrangement	Gemma Murray
	Double Bass	Limited 1:1 slots available by arrangement				Gemma Murray
WOODWIND	Recorder	9am-9.40 (mixed ability group)			Iain Jennings	
	Sax, clarinet, oboe, flute (taught in a mixed group)	9am-9.50		10.40-11.30	Katy Ryder Kamilya Bisengaliev Freya White	
	Flute			9.55-10.35	Kamilya Bisengaliev	
	Clarinet			10.40-11.20	Katy Ryder	
	Saxophone			11.25-12.05	Katy Ryder	
	Bassoon / Oboe	Limited 1:1 slots available by arrangement				Kamilya Bisengaliev
BRASS	Mixed brass instruments	9am-9.40		9.45-10.25	Enrico Marchesi	
	1:1 Trumpet/Coronet	Limited 1:1 slots available by arrangement				Niall Turner
GUITAR	Guitar	9.45-10.25 11am-11.40 (adults)	12.20-1pm	9am-9.40 10.15-10.55 (adults) 12.20-1pm	9.45-10.25 9.45-10.25 (electric) 10.30-11.10 11.15-11.55	Jacob Beaman John Hogg Nick Svarc
	Bass Guitar	12.30-1pm		11.55-12.25		Iain Jennings
	Ukulele	11.15-11.45		11.45-12.15 (band)		Jacob Beaman
PIANO / KEYBOARD	Group Piano / Keyboard	9am-9.40 9.45-10.25 11.15-11.55	9.50-10.30 10.40-11.20	9am-9.40 9.45-10.25 12pm-12.40	10.30-11.10	Alec Robinson Rachel Fletcher Victoria Jaquiss
	Age 5-7	11.35-12.15	12.20-1pm			Claire Rivers
	1:1 piano	Slots available throughout the morning				Olga Morozova Jake Mehew Anita O'Leary Iain Jennings
PERCUSSION	Drum Kit	9am-9.40 9.45-10.25 10.30-11.10	11.15-11.55 12pm-12.40 12.35-1.15	9.45-10.25	10.30-11.10	John Bowes Mark Islam
	Samba Squad	11.15-11.55				Mark Islam
	Steel Pans	11.40-12.20		12.20-1pm		Victoria Jaquiss

	Activity	Time	Teacher
SINGING	1:1 singing tuition	By arrangement	Katie Johnson
	Singing class (age 6+)	9.45-10.25	Katie Johnson
	Junior Choir (age 6-12)	11.15-11.55	Rachel Fletcher
	Senior Choir (age 12+)	10.30-11.10	Rachel Fletcher
	A Capella singing group	11am-12pm	Katie Johnson
JUNIOR ENSEMBLES 1-2 years	Sing the Shows	12pm-1pm	Rachel Fletcher
	Blow It! (wind band)	9.55-10.35	Katy Ryder
	Strung Up (string orchestra)	11.15-12.15	tbc
	Highly Strung (intermediate string orchestra)	12.15-1pm	Lesley Gibbens
	Junior Rock Band	11.25-12.15	John Hogg
SENIOR ENSEMBLES Grade 3-4+	Adult Strings	9.15-11.15	Lesley Gibbens
	Concert Band	9am-10.30	Sheila Hardwick
	Woodwind Ensemble	10.45-12pm	Sheila Hardwick
	Bassoon Ensemble	12pm-1pm	Sheila Hardwick
	Jazz Band	11.15-12.15	Enrico Marchesi
	Dixieland Jazz	10.30-11.10	Enrico Marchesi
	Salsa	12.15-1pm	Enrico Marchesi
	Chamber Strings	11.30-12.15	Lesley Gibbens
	Guitar Ensemble	9am-9.40	John Hogg
	Blues Band	10.30-11.20	John Hogg
OTHER	Senior Rock Band	12.10-1pm	John Hogg
	Music Theory	9.55-10.25	Freya White
	Songwriting	12.25-1pm	Nick Svarc
FOR YOUNG CHILDREN	Learn to DJ	10.40-11.20	Niall Turner
	Mini Music Makers 1 (age 3-4)	9.35-10.05	Claire Rivers
	Mini Music Makers 2 (age 4-5)	10.10-10.40	Claire Rivers
	Mini Music Makers 3 (age 5-7)	9am-9.30	Claire Rivers
	Recorders (age 5+)	9am-9.40	Iain Jennings
	Beginner Piano (age 5+)	11.35-12.15	Claire Rivers
	Continuation Piano (age 5+)	12.20-1pm	Claire Rivers

Mini Music Makers provides young children with a fun introduction to music, including singing, playing instruments (mainly untuned percussion), movement, listening, appraising and composition. We cover basic notation, pitch, tempo and dynamics while constantly promoting the message that music is fun! The recorder and piano classes are a more structured introduction to playing and singing, and can fit alongside a Mini Music class, or on their own.