



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to Year 4 for a **lovely class assembly**. We particularly enjoyed the djembe drum playing and the (rather less musical) high pitched science experiment as well as their maths demonstrations and finding out more about their work with Alive and Kicking on The Cave. Thank you to the friends and family who were able to come along and celebrate their hard work.

The **afterschool gardening club for families** will be meeting this Wednesday after school. It was rained off last time (although thank you to Caroline who had managed to do some gardening during the day, convincing me that it had met!) but hopefully there won't be a torrential downpour this time!

It was lovely to see so many of you at **Stay and Play** this week and to see the children so happy to share activities and show off their learning environments. I'm sure many KS2 parents will be pleased to have the chance to see the children's classrooms and talk to their teachers next week at **Parents' Evenings**.

Thank you to Mrs Vollans and Mrs Koyuncu for all the organisation that goes into **Photo Day**. With so many siblings it is quite a mammoth task, but we hope you are pleased with the shots that were taken. Photos are returned to school in plenty of time to be given as Christmas presents!

I am very sad to tell you that this week we said goodbye to **Mike Campbell**, a long-time and generous friend to the school. Since being a parent at Headingley Primary School he has been a behind the scenes supporter and fundraiser. The governors and Opportunities Fund have particularly benefitted from his patience and generosity and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

Well done to our **football** and **rugby teams** who have played matches this week. Although the football team did not win, they deserve a great deal of credit for playing cheerfully despite walking there and back! Well done to the rugby team who had an amazing second half managing to close the scoreline dramatically with a couple of great tries.

School Council met for the first time (apart from Y2, who were very busy). They are an impressive bunch, making sensible and thoughtful suggestions having listened to their classmates. They are busy thinking of ways to improve our new Quiet Area and planning for Anti Bullying Week.

This week the focus of our **Lesson Study** was science. The teachers work together to plan, teach, observe and talk to children about a lesson to try out new ideas and find out what helps our children to learn the best. It was great to hear about the different ways staff are working to teach children about hypothesising, fair testing, and carrying out investigations and experiments. Here are some of Y6 with Mrs Hill (in another science lesson this week) testing out their ideas about friction and different surfaces.



I hope you all have a great weekend.

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Bonfire Night

Following the success of last year's event, we are having another Guy Fawkes bonfire on Saturday 4th November, 4-6pm. Timed to suit families who may be going on to other, larger displays ours is a lovely, low-key way to celebrate with a bonfire, a guy made by the children, sparklers, food and drink. Free to attend, but there is a charge for sparklers and refreshments.

DIARY DATES

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| Tues 17 th & Wed 18 th October | Parents and Carers Consultation evenings after school. All children have an appointment. Children in Y5 and Y6 are expected to attend with their adult. |
| Thursday 19 th October | Movie Night |
| Friday 20 th October | TRAINING DAY school closed to children TBC |
| School closed until Sunday 29 th October for autumn half term holiday | |
| Wednesday 1 st November | Philosophy sessions with the university start today |
| Thursday 2 nd November | Bun Sale run by Year 6 (Y6 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p) |
| Thurs 2 nd & Fri 3 rd November | d:side Internet Safety sessions |
| Friday 3 rd November | Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall, all welcome to watch the children. |
| Friday 3 rd November TBC | * Y5/6 Intergenerational Workshop (Headingley Memories) Grove Park Care Home |
| Saturday 4 th November | * School Bonfire, 4-6pm. All welcome! Free entry with sparklers & refreshments to buy. |
| Monday 6 th November | Anti bullying theatre show |
| Wednesday 8 th November | French Day and House Team Hobby Half Day |
| Friday 10 th November | Y3 class assembly, 9am, all welcome. |
| Friday 10 th November | * Angela Birkin, new curate at St Michael's, meeting Y1 to start a link with that class. |
| Friday 10 th November TBC | * Y5/6 Intergenerational Workshop (Headingley Memories) Grove Park Care Home |
| Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th November | Anti Bullying Week (signing the pledge, assemblies, parent workshop, etc.) |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Open Morning & display of homework 9:30 am. For current & prospective parents. |
| Wednesday 15 th November | Meeting about maths for new Reception Class parents, 2pm, TBC. |
| Friday 17 th November | Stay and Play for parents/carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Switch on of Headingley Christmas lights 5:40pm with Christmas Carols. |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school. |
| Thursday 30 th November | Year 5 Class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall. |
| Monday 4 th December | Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p) |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Dress rehearsal for nativity performances in front of the other classes |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm |
| Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th December | Robinwood Residential for the Year 6 class |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am, all welcome! |
| Tuesday 12 th December | School Christmas lunch. |
| Saturday 16 th January - Tuesday 2 nd January. School closed for Christmas holiday. | |
| Tuesday 2 nd January | TRAINING DAY school closed to children |
| Friday 5 th January | Reports to parents Y1-Y6 go home this week. |
| Monday 8 th January | Switched On Shire Oak Week (growth mindsets, etc.) |
| Wednesday 10 th January | Open Morning |
| Thursday 11 th January | Year 6 class assembly |
| Friday 12 th January | Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. |
| Friday 12 th January | Fractions Friday (fun maths day) |
| Friday 19 th January | Geography Fun Facts Day |
| Friday 26 th January | Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall. |
| Thursday 1 st February | Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. |
| Sunday 4 th February | Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael's Church at their All Age Service, 10am. |
| Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February | Reading Week will include a dress up day. |
| Friday 9 th February | Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February. School closed for half term holiday. | |
| Monday 19 th February | * 'Get into STEM' (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2 |
| Thursday 22 nd February | TRAINING DAY school closed to children |
| Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March | Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children) |
| Friday 2 nd March | Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Wednesday 7 th March | Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. |
| Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March | Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4 |
| Friday 16 th March | Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |

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| Wednesday 28 th March | Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children |
| Thursday 29 th March | Easter production. All welcome! |
| Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April | School closed for Easter holiday. |
| Wednesday 18 th April | Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week. |
| Thursday 19 th April | Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. |
| Friday 27 th April | Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Tuesday 1 st May | Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Monday 7 th May | school closed for the bank holiday. |
| Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th May | KS2 SATs week for Year 6. |
| Tuesday 22 nd May | Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Friday 25 th May | Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival |
| Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June | school closed for May half term holiday |
| Saturday 9 th June | Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm |
| Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June | Geography Mapping Week |
| Tuesday 12 th June | New Reception Parents meeting |
| Wednesday 13 th June | Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Wednesday 20 th June | TRAINING DAY school closed to children |
| Friday 22 nd June | Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. |
| Thursday 28 th June | Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! |
| Wednesday 4 th July | Transition day |
| Monday 9 th July | Give out reports to parents this week. |
| Wednesday 11 th July | Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC. |
| Thursday 12 th July | Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production |
| Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July | Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC) |
| Monday 16 th July | Y3/4 Sports Day |
| Tuesday 17 th July | Y5/6 Sports Day |
| Wednesday 18 th July | Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day |
| Tuesday 24 th July | Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church |
| Wednesday 25 th July | Last day of term before the summer holiday. |
| * means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change | |

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 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 chair, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)

FREE FREE FREE FREE

Apple Day

talk on cider making activities for children

community juicing from 1.30 to 4.30

stalls, music morris dancing

come and join in!

on Saturday October 21st
at HEART
from 11.00 to 6.00

also from 6pm a family Ceilidh with Roisin Ban
tickets £6, £15, £3

community juicing: bring your apples and an empty bottle or two, press apples, take home some juice....

Or just come and join in the juicing, buy some juice and a bottle if needed