



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

I am very sorry that we had to close school on Friday last week. As you may know, we haven't closed in over seven years and we were bitterly disappointed that we had to admit defeat in the end. Although the roads were clear and we could get staff to work, the compacted snow all round our site had turned to sheet ice and we just couldn't get enough paths and exits clear to make the site safe. Added to that the pavements locally were fairly treacherous and because traffic was moving freely we didn't want to take the chance on children walking in the road.

We obviously needed the services of this **team of Year 5** children who spent some time yesterday clearing the latest lot of snow to avoid the ice issue recurring. As it was, the snow melted swiftly, but I can recommend their services – they say they are happy to be hired out if they are paid in new goalposts for school! Other children were equally industrious at playtime; some children were clearing paths and the field looked like a satellite of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park with the 'Seven Spheres of Shire Oak', some colossal snow people and some very tiny ones. A little more muddy and less picturesque than last week, but good teamwork and lots of fun nonetheless.



One class who have definitely been enjoying the snow are Year 4 on their **residential at Lineham Farm**. They have been enjoying the climbing, cycling, exploring, team games and other activities that were planned for them – and also some unplanned snow activities including impromptu snowballing before breakfast! Thank you very much to Chris Marshall, Abi Readman, Sue Bennett and Reece Johnson for giving up their time to go with them this week. It sounds like they have had a great time and will have lots to tell us... after they've had a good sleep!



Years 1, 2 and 3 really enjoyed learning new skills on Monday in their special **All Stars Cricket session** with Tom Bates from the England and Wales Cricket Board (EWCB). They played lots of fun games to develop cricket skills and to encourage them to work well within a team. All Stars Cricket is a new initiative from the EWCB which aims to give 5 to 8 year olds a great first experience in cricket. Tom will be coaching Little All Stars sessions from May at St Chad's Cricket Club. If your child is interested in taking part, go to www.allstarscricket.co.uk and register now for the sessions.

Thank you to everyone who made it to **Stay and Play** this week. Thank you also to

the teachers who have been trying to fit in **parents evening** appointments wherever they can so that we are hopefully now nearly caught up. There are a lot of trips coming up in the next few weeks, so please make sure you check book bags each night for letters.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jane Astrid Devane

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Big moments start with All Stars Cricket

An 8 week, fun and active programme for girls and boys aged 5-8!

With All Stars Cricket, your little All Stars will receive their very own personalised kit, including personalised t-shirt, bat, ball, cap, All Stars Cricket Activity Book and backpack.

They will also learn great skills like throwing, catching, hitting a moving ball, and teamwork - all in a fun and safe environment!

Play at your local All Stars Cricket centre
 Starting from May 2018 - Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Urban Arts Workshops

Saturday 10th March 2018
 3.00pm - 5.00pm
 All Hallows Church
 24 Regent Terrace, Leeds LS6 1NP
 For ages 8 - 17 // £Free




- > Do you want to learn DJing, Breakdancing, Rapping/Beatboxing and/or Graffiti skills/techniques?
- > Do you want to work with professional artists and meet other people your age?
- > Do you live in Hyde Park, Headingley, Woodhouse or Weetwood?

Everything will be provided for the workshops including refreshments. Please wear comfortable clothes for the session.

Contact dan@djschooluk.org.uk or call **07927619884**



Well-being Youth Activity Funding has been awarded by your local Ward Members through the West North West Community Committee

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13 th March	*	Some musicians going to Leeds School Proms
Tuesday 13 th March	*	Y4 trip to science session at Leeds University
Thursday 15 th March		Year 1 and 2 trip to Abbey House Museum for Houses & Homes topic
Friday 16 th March		Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 23 rd March	*	Year 6 Maths Puzzles morning at Lawnswood School
Monday 26 th March		Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 th March		Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March		Easter production performed by all of Year 3 and Year 4. All welcome! 9:30am.
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday.		
Tuesday 17 th April		D:side working in classes
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 20 th April		D:side drugs and alcohol safety sessions in classes
Friday 20 th April		New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 th April		Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
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!
Thursday 3 rd May		Y3 trip to Temple Newsam
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.		
Thursday 10 th May		Y4 trip to Temple Newsam
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th May		KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 th May		Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
Monday 21 st May		Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
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!
Tuesday 19 th June		Movie Night
Friday 15 th June		Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
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
Friday 20 th July		New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
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, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)