



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

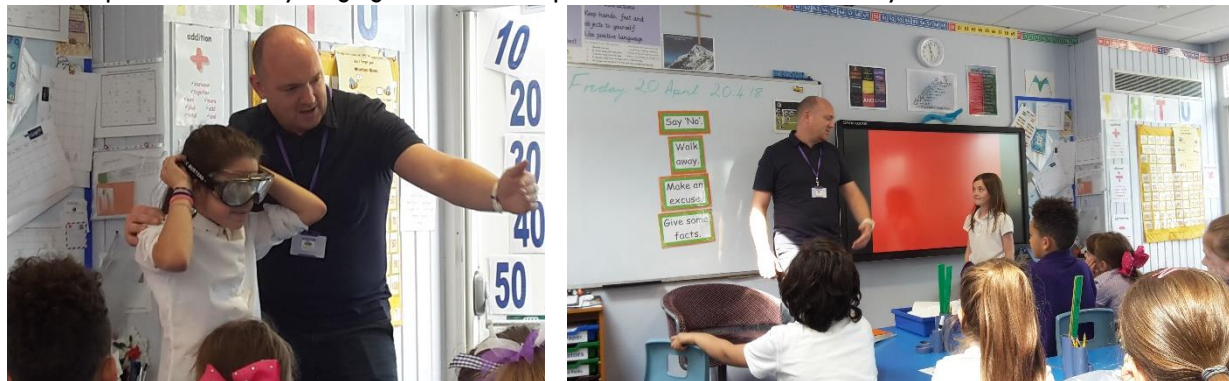
I hope you all had a good Easter and a refreshing break. It is good to see the children back at school – many of them with renewed enthusiasm for their learning.

Well done to KS1 who raised nearly £40 with their **50p challenge for Shelter**. It may have been a relatively small fundraiser, but it will have helped the children see some of the issues that people face that link with what they had been learning about in their Houses and Homes topic.

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that **dinner money** for this half term is £69.60. Payments can be made online by arrangement with the office.

Although snowy weather has been a theme in our most recent newsletters, it seems that the weather has bypassed spring this week and headed straight for summer. Although it is not forecast to last, we are hopefully seeing the start of brighter, drier days. Please, therefore, make sure that your child has a **water bottle** in school, is greased with **suncream** on the days where that is necessary and brings a **sunhat** – particularly if their hair does not cover their neck. Many children will now insist to you that they no longer need to bring a **coat** to school, but they do not remember how quickly the British weather can turn. A good compromise is to pack a cagoule into their book bag so that they do have something to put on if it turns wet. When it is wet, cold and windy we do sometimes have to admit defeat and call a 'wet playtime' (particularly for younger children) but warmer weather means we can brave the occasional shower.

Continuing the theme of safety, we have been working again with **d:side** this week to help the children learn about making safe choices as they grow up. These sessions have been on **medicines, cigarettes, alcohol and illegal drugs**. The youngest children learn to be safe around medicines in the home and as they grow older they are introduced to the other subjects. We know that it is too late to tell teenagers not to smoke and drink, and research tells us that children need to be practising saying no and thinking of themselves as a non-smoker some time before they are offered a cigarette. The sessions are all age-appropriate – and lots of fun - but we do hope the children will come home and talk to you and ask further questions as they engage with the subject. Please do talk to us if you want to find out more about what was



covered in the sessions or if any difficult topics have been raised for your child.

We will be continuing to support Kirkstall Valley Primary School this term as they wait for their newly appointed headteacher to take up his post full-time. I will be at Shire Oak all day on Mondays and will usually be in school for at least half of the day each day for the rest of the week. That means I won't be on the playground in the mornings as much as I would like, but the office always know how to get hold of me and can arrange a time for us to meet if you haven't managed to catch me in person. The staff in school continue to do a great job covering for me on the four half days I am out of school and the income from the arrangement is helping our school budget in these stretched times.

I hope you have a great weekend.

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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 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.)

DIARY DATES

Friday 20 th April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Monday 23 rd April	* Year 2 sharing their Houses and Homes learning with parents (see letter)
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
Friday 4 th May	Deadline for returning the parents' survey http://bit.ly/ShireOakParentsSurvey2018
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 12 th – 19 th May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day. Please note change of date due to FA Cup and Royal Wedding street parties.
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!
Tuesday 22 nd May	Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards TBC
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	
Wednesday 6 th June	* Class, team and group photo day
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!
Thursday 14 th June	* Danish storytelling and music in conjunction with Headingley Music Festival.
Friday 15 th June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Saturday 16 th June	Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors
Tuesday 19 th June	Reception trip to Harewood House TBC
Tuesday 19 th June	Movie Night
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.
Tuesday 26 th June	Temple Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wed 26 th & Thurs 28 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 2 nd July	Carr Manor transition day this week, TBC (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Wed 4 th & Thu 5 th July	Lawnwood School transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Tuesday 10 th July	Abbey Grange transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Wednesday 11 th July	Cardinal Heenan transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	Corpus Christi transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	Leeds City Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
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	