



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support for the **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**. It was good to have the chance to chat over a slice of cake and we are very pleased that we raised over £250 for this cause which is close to the school's heart.

Thank you also for your support for the new arrangements for **school dinners in KS1**. Over 96% of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now on school dinners and many siblings in KS2 have also followed suit. Thank you to Mrs Ellis and her team for coping so well with the increase in numbers and still providing tasty dinners! The Catering Agency are now looking into providing more staffing in the kitchen so that we can serve the children even quicker. Menus for the dinners are available on <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/c/Release%20Documents/4%20choice%20menu.pdf>

On Wednesday we held our first Shire Oak **Geography Day**. Many of you will know that a new national curriculum came into force in September. We have adjusted our topics to make sure we retained the best of what we were teaching before whilst covering the new expectations. (You can look at the topic overview on our website at <http://www.shireoak.org/#/our-curriculum/c1eo3>) Most things we have been able to group together in holistic topics that make sense for the children, but there are a few objectives that don't fit in easily so to make sure that children are given the opportunity to learn the map skills and location knowledge that they need we will be holding occasional Geography Days. This week Year One estimated how many trees were in our school grounds and were surprised to find that the answer was 100. Year 3 enjoyed using the real orienteering maps we have of the school grounds whilst older children mapped where in the world we are all from and solved the challenge set by Mrs Flanagan and Mrs Maver in assembly. I look forward to displaying some of the maps that were drawn and other work that was completed. If you have any expertise to offer for our next Geography Day later in the year, please do see me or Heather Flanagan (Year 6 teacher and Geography leader). Thanks.

Well done to this week's **Superstars** who were chosen by their teachers and the other adults who work in school.

Class	This Week's SuperStars
Reception (Thames)	Eva who always listens well and sits nicely when on the carpet and James who is always kind and shares the resources very well.
Y1 (Nile)	Felicity has done some brilliant sentences in science and Tyler is always polite and enthusiastic.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	David has been working hard and shown positive learning attitudes in maths and Maddison has been working hard on following instructions the first time.
Y3 (Rhine)	Fred has excelled in writing instructions independently and accurately and Jago wrote instructions independently and with determination to do his best.
Y4 (Ganges)	Niamh constantly shows a focused approach in all her work.
Y5 (Tigris)	Evie is a great role model and has been sharing amazing ideas and Jan has really improved his learning attitude.
Y6 (Amazon)	Jago is enthusiastic and has a hardworking approach to his learning and Tilly M calmly and clearly demonstrated a science investigation showing maturity.

A special mention to **Svetlana** from the lunchtime staff for joining in with lots of lunchtime games.

I hope to see some of you later today at the new end of day **Stay and Play** in KS1 and Reception Class. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

That the governors have set up an **Opportunities Fund** in school. The aim of the fund is to help with money for things like extra-curricular activities and residential. We want all children at Shire Oak to be able to join in with residential trips, and also to join extra-curricular activities to pursue particular interests or talents. We also work with **Artforms** who offer bursaries for music lessons for children who are eligible for Free School Meals. To apply to the Opportunities Fund please see Ms Devane or Mrs Whitehead in confidence.

PS Reminder that there is a **training day on Monday** and school will be closed to children. The teachers in KS1 and KS2 will be working with St Chad's, Weetwood and Spring Bank on Engaging Learners and Reception staff will be working with Early Years staff from the four schools on outdoor learning.

DIARY DATES

Monday 6 th October		TRAINING DAY for staff. School closed to children. Staff will be working with teachers from the 4 Headingley primary schools on engaging learners.
Wednesday 8 th October		House Team Hobbies half day, pm
Thursday 9 th October		Individual and sibling photos. Please contact the office if there are siblings at Pre School you wish to have photographed together.
Friday 10 th October		Harvest Festival, 9am. All welcome. We collect non-perishable food for PAFRAS and Food Bank via St Michael's Church
Saturday 11 th October		FOSOPS (Friends of Shire Oak Primary School – our PTA) Woodland Walk and barbecue. All welcome, particularly new families. (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 15 th October		Meeting for parents in Reception to find out more about how we teach reading (including phonics). 2:15 for a 2:30pm start in the school hall.
Friday 17 th October		Year 1 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd October		Parents Evenings until 6pm and 7pm respectively
Friday 24 th October		Year 2 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 24 th October	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Reception Class please.
Friday 31 st October		Deadline for high school place applications
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st October		HALF TERM (Kidzone may be running a holiday playscheme)
Monday 3 rd November	*	Back to school. The provisional training day on this date has been moved.
Tuesday 4 th November		Homework projects due in (Years 1-6)
Tuesday 4 th November	*	FOSOPS Fancy Dress Disco (Foundation Stage & KS1 and then
Thursday 6 th November		Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 7 th November	*	TRAINING DAY. This is the date that replaces the provisional date given before. We will be working on growth mindsets and building confidence in maths.
Friday 14 th November		Year 3 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 14 th November		Children in Need Day
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st Nov		Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 21 st November		Year 6 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 26 th November		Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Friday 28 th November	*	Year 5 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. Staff and students from Leeds City Academy will be available after assembly to talk to parents.
Friday 5 th December	*	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. This is a change from the 7 th November.
Friday 5 th December	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y1 please.
Wed 10 th to Fri 12 th December		Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 th December		Reception and KS1 Christmas production, pm. (Dress rehearsal will be the day before)
Tues 16 th and Wed 17 th Dec		Christmas parties
Thursday 18 th December		Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church , 10:30am All welcome
Thursday 18 th December		School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan	*	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 th January	*	First day back at school
Wednesday 21 January		House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 nd January	*	Movie Night
Friday 23 rd January	*	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 th January		Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 th January	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 th February		Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	*	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 th February	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	*	Parents' Evenings TBC (may be Wednesday and Thursday instead)

Friday 6 th March		Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	*	Year 4 Residential, Beverley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 th March	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 st May		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 th May		Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 20 th May		House Team hobbies afternoon
Friday 5 th June		Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 23 rd June	*	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	*	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 17 th July	*	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.

New or changed items marked with * (except the first calendar of the year)

Family Fun & Food

Shire Oak Woodland

(free)

BBQ

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Wonderful
woodland activities!

11am - Saturday 11th October
Meet at Meanwood Park
picnic tables

organised by foSops