

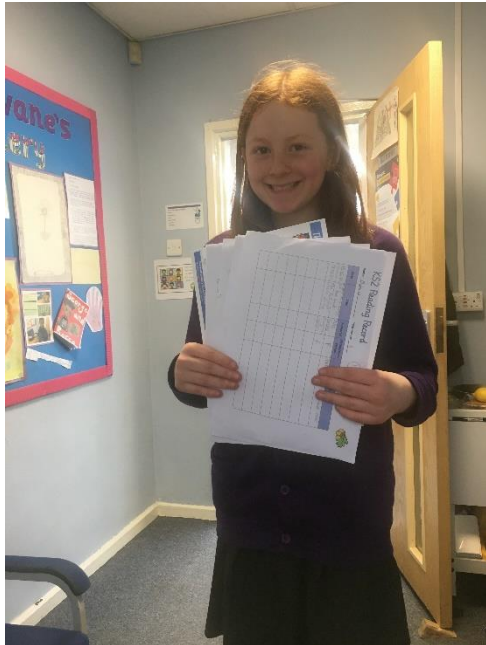


Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been good to welcome the children back after the half term break – I think a good number of the children had been ready for a rest! It has been particularly lovely to hear about the **Lineham Farm** residential trip from Year 4 children – it sounds like they had a fantastic time!



This Year **6 bookworm** is proudly showing off her reading records. Since the start of the school year in September she has read over 100 books – and many of those were weighty classic tomes such as Arthur Conan Doyle stories! Getting into good habits of enjoying books and finding time to read is such a good way of supporting children to learn well and be emotionally secure. The [Book Zone page](#) of our website has ideas for books and questions to help support children with their independent reading. **World Book Day** is on Thursday next week and children are invited to dress up as a character from a book (not just a film!) or bring a prop or sticker to show a book they love. For more information and ideas see the [last newsletter](#).

Thank you to FOSOPS for organising our Shrove Tuesday **pancake sale** after school this week. A yummy treat just before Lent. They are meeting this afternoon to plan for Movie Night and hopefully to sort out some of the used uniform that they sell to parents. Do join them at 2:30pm if you can! (The office will sign you in and tell you where to go.) FOSOPS support the school with fundraising and social events. Another way to support – and challenge – the school is to become a school governor. Governors are responsible for the strategic leadership of the school and have an important role to play. We have a new vacancy for a **parent governor**. Parent governors can be a parent or anyone who has parental responsibility for a child or young person (e.g. a step-parent, guardian or other relative). Parent governors can also be carers who, although not a biological parent, have care of a child. This means they are the person with whom the child lives and who looks after the child, irrespective of their relationship. Grandparents would only be eligible to be parent governors if they care for the child on a full-time, settled basis or if they are the legal guardian of the child. Do please read the official letter about standing and consider whether you might want to put your name forward. I have enclosed the governors' newsletter from the autumn to give a flavour of the work of the governing body.

This week Year 5 and Year 6 were visited by presenters from the **NSPCC** who led workshops in class. These followed on from the R/KS1 and KS2 assemblies that were delivered before the half term break, also part of the Speak Out, Stay Safe programme.



The programme aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or to Childline. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can find information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have. There is [an adapted home version of the assembly](#) you could watch together if your child missed our assemblies and there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities). Childline also have a website with age-appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at [www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids). If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or to take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents). One piece of advice is on Talking PANTS with your children. 'Talk PANTS' is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule that can help keep your child safe. You can find out more and download the free resources at <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants>. Penguin and Ladybird have partnered with the NSPCC to create a brand new Pantosaurus book aimed at children ages 4 - 8. You can find copies of the new book on sale, either in Matalan's selected stores and online, selected SPAR stores or at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/>. All profits from the sale of this book will support the NSPCC.

At present the **strike action** planned for Tuesday is due to go ahead. This is likely to cause significant disruption in school with most, if not all, classes closed for the day. I know this is hard to plan for, so at the moment I would suggest assuming that your child is not attending school on Tuesday unless notified otherwise.

Very well done to our **football team** who have been playing well both in practices and in fixtures. They are showing great improvement – as evidenced by their win against Beecroft who they had played in the autumn with a different outcome. Children in the older years who want to play for the team should see Mr Marshall and then come to practice on Thursday lunchtime after an early dinner.

It was lovely to see so many of our children in their Guiding and Scouting uniforms on Wednesday for **Thinking Day** and it is always great to hear about the activities our children do outside of school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Well done to this morning's Superstars. Your names will be included in a future newsletter!



We have spaces in Brownies (7 to 10 year olds) and Guides (10-14) in Headingley (Thursdays) and Hyde Park (Fridays).

We welcome girls to come for a visit to see if it is for them.

To register your girl please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

Or email [37thstmikesbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:37thstmikesbrownies@gmail.com) for more information.



**Y1 busy in the areas of provision.**



**DIARY DATES**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Strike action by NEU (regional)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day. This is a dress up day. See <a href="#">previous newsletter</a> for details.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 science fun workshops TBC
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Football team playing Sacred Heart at their school TBC
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Nights Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Small group from Eco Club to visit Civic Hall Fairtrade Schools Celebration pm
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Football team playing Hillcrest TBC
Wed/Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> Mar*	Potential NEU industrial action (strike days)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Football playing Sacred Heart (using Lawnswood pitch as our home ground) TBC
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March *	Rugby match TBC
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March *	Rugby match TBC
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 trip to Leeds Piano Festival maths trip
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March*	Group from Y2, Y3 & Y4 to Cross-Country running event at Richmond House School
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers and drawing the Easter raffle (donation of prized welcome)
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to 14 <sup>th</sup> April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April *	Book Club trip to Armley Mills cinema
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April *	Headingley and Kirkstall Combined Schools Band assembly and drop in rehearsal TBC
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April *	Reception Class trip to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden for outdoor learning
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April *	Rugby match TBC
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) <a href="https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children">https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children</a>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and team photos
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House TBC
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: <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>	

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.