



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

The weather really has been unpredictable recently – sunshine one minute and hail the next! We are still trying to get outside as much as possible, whatever the weather, so please still send coats even on sunny mornings. (A cagoule in a book bag can be a good compromise for those who protest!) We are hoping for good weather next week which is our **Green Week**. Children will spend the week learning about environmental issues, sustainability, nature and how to reduce car use with safe walking, scooting and cycling habits. Please see the timetable below to know what is going on when!

Monday 24 th	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
<p>Dress Up Day! Please wear something handed down, upcycled, made from recycled fabrics or things that would be thrown away, the colour green (not bought new!) or from a charity shop.</p> <p>Donations of £1 towards our Nature Garden and Scrap Shed would be gratefully received.</p> <p>Road Safety Session in class for Reception and Year 1 (Teddy Takes a Tumble and Sadler Street)</p> <p>Bikeability for Year 6 (no costumes that would get in the way of cycling please!)</p>	<p>Bike Register Day. Get your bikes added to the database. Parents can bring theirs at the start of the day and then the team will work through children’s bikes during the day. It will make things quicker if the information on this form is filled in and placed in an envelope attached to the handlebars</p> <p>http://bit.ly/SOBikeReg</p> <p>https://www.bikeregister.com/</p> <p>Visit from PCSO Sarah Gaines to help Reception and Year 1 role playing crossing the road, etc.</p> <p>Bikeability for Year 6</p>	<p>Year 2 and Year 3 pedestrian training on Alma Road</p> <p>Hobby Half Day with craft and other fun activities (with another visit from PCSO Sarah Gaines)</p> <p>Bikeability for Year 6</p>	<p>Year 5 Scooter training in the morning (please wear uniform that is suitable for scooting in)</p> <p>Bun Sale (cakes cost no more than 50p – donations of cakes, etc. are very welcome that morning please!</p> <p>Y3 Better Buildings workshop</p>	<p>Dr. Bike Day (max 24 bikes) Give your bike a health check with Dr Bike! Please bring bikes for checking to the bike shelter at the front of school or follow signs if this plan changes.</p> <p>Year 4 Scooter training in the morning (please wear uniform that is suitable for scooting in)</p>

In more environmental news, thank you to the parents who have been in touch with admiration and donations for the work done on our **Nature Garden**. The team working on the space write, “We need you! You may have noticed a lot of work happening in the nature garden and now we are looking for nature attracting plants to plant in it. If you can take any cuttings from your plants at home and root them over the next month ready for planting, we would really appreciate it. If anybody would prefer to make a monetary donation towards the nature garden, please put it in an envelope with nature garden written /transfer it online and we will ensure it is spent on improving the garden for our whole community to enjoy!”



It was good to drop in to see **Year 2** on Snack and Chat this week. They have been brilliant getting on with their home learning and staying busy at this tricky time. We are looking forward to seeing them back in school on Monday. In Leeds the

highest rates of infection are now often amongst children and young people, due largely to the vaccination programme. Although children are not always symptomatic, this is not always the case and we are glad our contact is recovering well. Contact tracing with primary aged children remains a bit of a blunt tool, I'm afraid, as within a day it is very likely that children in a class have been within two metres of each other for a total of fifteen minutes throughout the day, even if it was outside and therefore with less chance of infection. For most classroom staff it is also the case that throughout a day they will have been in that sort of contact too. It should be noted, however, that not all staff work in the same class every day and can sometimes be completely ruled out of contact tracing. Other staff have very specific roles on certain days (e.g. 1:1 support, intervention groups, etc.) which can make it easier to determine whether they were a definite contact or not. In these cases, we tend to err on the side of caution though and ask them to work from home to support the home learning for the same period of time as those isolating.

I have received a warning about the social media site **Omegle** from a parent and it is worth passing that information on to make sure that children are not accessing it. This article explains more but is aimed at adults: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-56085499> It is great being part of a community that looks out for each other!

I hope you have seen the letter about **instrumental music lessons** for next year and please watch out for the letter about **after school clubs** and activities planned for after half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th May	GREEN WEEK see timetable above
Mon 7 th -Wed 9 th June	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Thursday 10 th June	Class and Team Photo Day
Tuesday 15 th June *	Parent Survey return deadline TBC
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY
Monday 21 st June	Writing Week including Windrush stories
Thursday 24 th June *	Y1/2 trip to Filey (date change due to coach availability)
Tuesday 22 nd June	Meetings for new Reception parents TBC
Friday 25 th June	Skipping Celebration Day for KS1 following several weeks of Skip into Summer workshops
Monday 28 th June	Abbey Grange transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 29 th June	Cardinal Heenan transition day for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 30 th June	After School family event including barbecue TBC
Thurs 1 st – Fri 2 nd July	Year 6 residential to Waddow Hall.
Friday 9 th July *	Role models in sport assembly
Tues 6 th & Wed 7 th July	Lawnswood transition days
Wednesday 7 th July	Shire Oak transition day including new Reception Stay and Play TBC
Thursday 8 th & 9 th July	Abbey Grange, Ralph Thoresby & Leeds City transition days for Y6 into Y7
Thursday 8 th July	TRAINING DAY – this is the last one to be scheduled this year. We were previously unable to book the training we had planned, which is why this is later notice than usual.
Tuesday 13 th July	(Virtual) visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13 th July	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 am TBC
13 th & 14 th July	Carr Manor transition days for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day pm TBC
14 th and 15 th July	Prince Henry's transition days for Y6 into Y7
Friday 16 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day am TBC
Friday 16 th July *	City of Leeds transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 5/6 Performances to school (pm) and parents/carers (evening) TBC
Wednesday 21 st July	Leavers' Service (possibly at St Michael's Church) am TBC
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term including end of year assembly
Monday 26 th and Tuesday 27 th July	These two days will be taken as Training Days as we have not been able to book our training in person earlier in the year.
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.	