

Dear Parents and Carers



One date that is coming up is the FOSOPS annual general meeting, or AGM. (Wednesday 8th October, 6pm.) This is new



for our PTA but they are doing so well that they are now formally constituting as a charity and therefore need to have certain structures in place. They welcome all Friends of Shire Oak Primary School to hear about the year that has just gone and to plan for the year ahead. FOSOPS volunteers were very busy in the holiday and have spruced up our grounds delightfully. Make sure you admire the new gardens outside Y3 and Y4, the repaired and repainted benches near KS1 and the great preparation work done in Y1 outside area where further plans are afoot! We are so grateful for all the time, hard graft, expertise, loaned tools and materials that went into this work. **Thank you!** All friends and family of our school are automatically part of our PTA, but to receive information about forthcoming events and to get involved (at whatever level suits you) then do please join their WhatsApp group.

Our new Reception Class have done so well this week and it has been a delight

to watch them enjoying stories together on the

carpet - ones with silly rhymes seem particularly popular! Today they stayed for their first school dinner and chose what they wanted to eat. Our Year 6 children are 'buddies' for Reception Class so they kept them company as well as helping with cutting food and scraping plates afterwards.

Children across school are proud of their September **uniform**. Please help us to help you keep hold of it by naming everything! We have a lost property chest outside Y2 for items found on the playground and a cupboard in the entrance foyer. Please do check regularly for any missing items.



This week I have enjoyed hearing about summer hobbies, trips, treats and holidays. I have been particularly delighted to hear about children who have made a holiday leap in their reading. If, however, outdoor play, light nights and the different patterns of the long holiday have disrupted your **reading habits** at home, don't panic! This is the perfect time of year to establish great routines around reading - whether by an adult, to an adult, with an adult or independently. Visits to borrow books from the school library will resume very soon.

Thank you for all your support for making this a great September start. Have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Week of 8th September		New playground markings being painted – thank you FOSOPS for your fundraising!
Tuesday 9th September	*	Bonfire Safety Visit from Fire Service, Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 10th Sept	*	Y3 transition meeting for parents/carers, 5pm in the Y3 classroom
11th September	*	Watch out for this half term's homework leaflet & class newsletter (Years 1 to 6)
w/c 15 th September	*	Our pop up pool is being set up this week ready for a half term of swimming!
Friday 19th September	*	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day. Families welcome
		to join their child in class/the outside area to get a feel for their environment.
Wednesday 24th Sept	*	Meeting about Robinwood residential trip for Y6 parents & carers, 5pm in Year 6 class.
Wednesday 24th Sept	*	Early phonics meeting for Reception Class parents & carers, 5pm in YR classroom.
Wednesday 24th Sept	*	Year 1 transition meeting for parents/carers, 5pm in the Y1 classroom.
Saturday 11th October	*	Woodland Walk – many of our new families like to join us for activities on The Ridge
		followed by refreshments in school. Details to follow.
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates		

^{*} means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.



Please find attached information from **Headingley Children's Centre** who are based in the giant tepee on our school site.

