



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School



On Friday night last week we hosted an amazing evening of music here at school with a packed hall. The **Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band** was performing – you may remember they were formed here at Shire Oak last year and performed at the music festival. This year they are meeting at Kirkstall Valley school on Fridays with children from our school amongst the musicians who play together. They were supported in their concert by the adult band **Tutti!** who played a great range of crowd-pleasing pieces on their own and with the children’s band. If any child plays wind, brass, percussion or keyboards and would like to join the band do please ask me for details. We hope that we have now secured some additional funding that may be able to help with transport, if that is the barrier to attending. Thank you to Joelle Braithwaite, our brass teacher, for organising the concert. (Joelle is also one of the choir leaders at the Family Learning Choir that meets on Monday evenings in the hall from 4:30pm. The guitar and ukulele group is currently full, but the choir could squeeze in a couple more children with their adult(s).)

We started the week with an assembly to mark **International Women’s Day**. I was very pleased that the children were keen to discuss and challenge stereotypes about certain jobs being just for women or for men. As we always say, “Toys are for everyone. Colours are for everyone. Clothes are for everyone. Sport is for everyone. Success is for everyone.”



Reception Class and Year 1 were certainly successful on Wednesday. For Reception Class it was their **first school trip**, and for both year groups it was a good walk to Becketts Park campus for a day of science and outdoor learning activities run by the education students and their lecturers. Thank you everyone who helped make the day so memorable.

We have been enjoying the updates from Y4 as they enjoy their **residential** at Lineham Farm. See Twitter for ace photos!

Class	Well done to this week’s Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Alexander</b> is writing lots of stories and <b>Dylan</b> is choosing to write independently.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Sophie</b> is really coming on with her reading. <b>Ella</b> is enthusiastic, always does her best and is making super progress.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Oliver</b> is trying his best in every lesson. <b>Dotty</b> always works to the best of her abilities and is a good role model to others.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Myla</b> is always focused and ready to learn. She rises to challenges. <b>Emily K</b> responded to our writing stamina challenge positively and produced a great piece of work.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Jai</b> always gives 100% to his learning and to his friendships. <b>James</b> is a pleasure to have in the classroom and loves having fun in the playground.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Deney</b> is taking great care in his writing at the moment. <b>Tula</b> is putting consideration into all her work.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Bethan</b> for being very kind at all times. She was nominated by other children in KS1. Well done!	

Have a lovely weekend.

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**Tuck shop every Friday in March  
(Cash for Kids) Maximum spend 50p.**



We continue to follow the advice that is being sent to us each day by the DfE and PHE and are pleased that children are responding well to extra care in handwashing routines. We will keep you updated should the situation change. In the meantime, it would be very helpful to know that your mobile numbers and email addresses are up to date on our system. To avoid anxiety and fear we are not initiating conversations about Corona Virus, but rather stressing the importance of good hygiene at all times to keep everyone in our community safe and well.

## DIARY DATES

24 <sup>th</sup> February to 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Radio Aire Cash for Kids School Challenge <a href="http://tiny.cc/C4KShire">tiny.cc/C4KShire</a>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Night
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children. Staff will be receiving First Aid training
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee morning at the start of the day in the school hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Piano Fantasia trip (as part of Leeds Piano Competition)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Step into Easter trip for Y5
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Environment Club trip to Harewood House (focus on reducing waste)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 rugby league match at Richmond House (walking at 2.30pm, kick off 3.30)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	* Assembly on water safety by the RNLI (Y1-Y6)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 flag bearers at Leeds v Huddersfield rugby match in the evening.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Ground Force Day and BBQ – help to improve our grounds
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you're ready!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Confirmed as a closure day due to building work on our roof.
<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> term dates	

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 Hincliffe.

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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)