

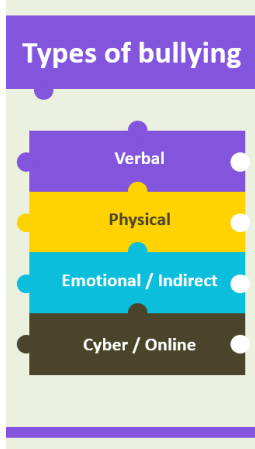


Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Another busy week in school with lots of great learning in and out of the classroom. At Shire Oak we extend **Anti Bullying Week** to a fortnight, so that we can spend time on the important messages for longer. In assembly this week we made sure we all know what bullying is, what bullying isn't and (most importantly) what we can do about bullying: TELL! One Day Creative **theatre** company came to do workshops with all the key stage two classes on this year's theme of 'One Kind Word' to help them work out ways of preventing, spotting and dealing with bullying. The KS1 children are doing a similar workshop led by their teachers and an online session. Next week the children will be signing our pledge and receiving a small present from School Council to help them remember the key messages.

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Hurting someone again and again, on purpose, to make them feel bad.



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What is not bullying?

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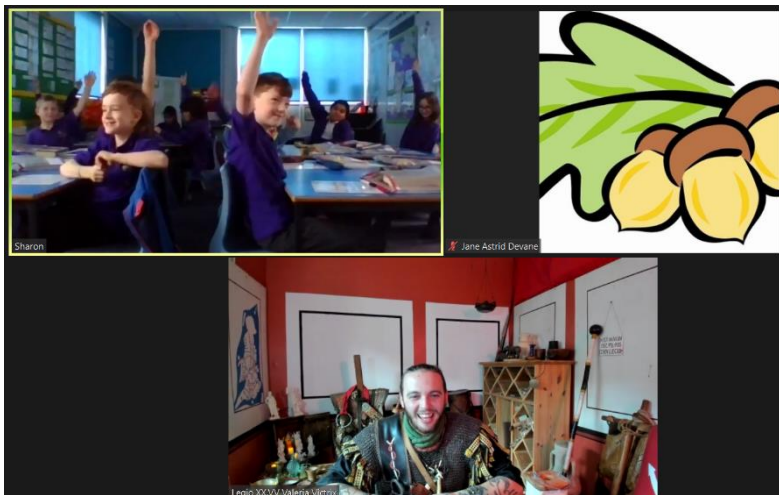
- Falling out with someone
- Playing a trick on someone
- Things that are an accident
- Protecting someone
- Sticking up for yourself
- Being too rough in a game

Our school rules are 1) Follow instructions 2) Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself 3) Use positive language and some of these things might not be bullying, but are still not ok in school.

What can we do about bullying?

We can stop bullying by...

- Telling bullies to "stop it!"
- Telling a teacher or other school grown up
- Sharing nicely and letting people join in our games
- Maybe telling the bullies how it makes us feel
- Walking away and ignoring them so they get bored
- Playing near a grown up
- Writing it down and putting it in the Worry Box
- Telling Miss Hincliffe
- Telling Ms Devane
- Telling parents as well
- Telling friends



This week **Year 4** have had another special visitor who travelled through time (and via the Internet) to tell them all about his time in a **Roman legion**. Highly engaging and informative I eavesdropped just when they were talking about the high wages for joining - and the high penalties for leaving - the Roman army.

This morning a group of children from KS2 went to Headingley Library to collect some **free comics and graphic novels** for school, courtesy of the Thought Bubble convention. There may be some left after school so consider popping in on your way home!

This week 4 children (in 2 families) have tested positive for COVID. They are in Years 3, 4 and 5. Any children with symptoms, or those who are a contact of a positive case should have a PCR test (not just a lateral flow test). If children are a contact (e.g. a positive household member) then daily lateral flow testing after a negative PCR test can be useful.)

Thank you for all the help you have been giving to homework projects recently. The quality has really improved since the periods of home learning! We loved celebrating both projects and regular practice in assembly this morning.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you at the **festival** next week!

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DIARY DATES

Wed 17 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Friday 19 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Tues 23 rd November	Open Morning for prospective parents
Mon 20 th November	Y6 Viking Visitor
Tues 30 th November	Headingley Christmas lights switch on and carol singing at/outside St Michael's Church
1 st - 3 rd December	Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood
Thursday 2 nd December	FOSOPS meeting 9:30am over Zoom (all welcome!)
Friday 3 rd December	After school hot chocolate sale in the hall
Wed 8 th December	School nurses (YR & Y6) for Nat Ch Measurement Programme & distance vision screening
Thursday 9 th December	Y4 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford
Thursday 9 th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity productions TBC
Tuesday 14 th December	Carol Service at St Michaels' Church
Tuesday 14 th December	Book Club visit to watch Peter Pan at Leeds Playhouse in the afternoon d
Wed 15 th December	Christmas discos after school, Y1 Y2 Y3 3:15 – 4:45pm and Y4 Y5 Y6 5-6:30pm Reception Class will have Movie Night straight after school (TBC)
Thurs 16 th December	Christmas party food lunch (children with packed lunches can also bring treats today)
Friday 17 th December	Alive & Kicking Christmas drama
Thursday 20 th January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Sunday 13 th February	Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (we are invited to take part in the All Age Service)
Monday 14 th March *	Y3 visit to Herd Farm for Stone Age topic
27 th – 29 th April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
9 th to 12 th May 2022	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 th to 20 th May 2022	Bikeability for Year 6
23 rd /24 th May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC
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Winter Festival of Fire 2021

Straight after school Wednesday 17th November. Free outdoor games, crafts and activities with food, drink, cake and sparklers for sale too.

