



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Another busy week in school brings us to the **end of the spring term**, ready for a two week break and there are quite a few children (and adults) who seem ready for that! It was good to see so many of you this week at parents and carers' consultation evening. We are very sorry that we had to postpone Year 3 appointments this week, but this was unavoidable due to staff illness. We are hopeful that these can be rescheduled for Tuesday 18th April (straight after the holidays) using the same appointment times. If you would *not* be able to attend the same slot on Tuesday please let the office know.



Year 5 enjoyed a very special trip to The Carriageworks in town this week. Arranged in conjunction with Leeds International Piano Competition they explored the world of **music and numbers** with a special concert featuring international superstar pianist Alexandra Dariescu and London Symphony Orchestra conductor and presenter Timothy Redmond. What a treat!

All classes went on a very local **trip to St Michael's Church** this week to find out about the stories behind the Christian traditions in Holy Week and the festival of Easter. Thank you to Rev Angela, Rev Josh and Rev Tony as well as the staff and foot washed volunteers!



Despite the cold and rain it has been a week of **sporting events** at school. The **rugby team** played valiantly on a windswept pitch at Whitkirk and then some children from Y2 and Y3 participated in a **cross-country running** event 'The Richmond Run' at Richmond House School. They did very well and one of the Year 3 team came in first place. Yesterday the **football team** played a home game at our borrowed pitch at Lawnswood (thank you Lawnswood!) as part of their league. Well done to all the children for taking part and to the adults who give up their time to make this happen.

The undoubted highlight of the week was the **Easter production** put on by Year and Year 4. A complicated story was told so well by the combination of great, clear singing and sign language, acting and narration. It was great to see some children challenging themselves to take on speaking and singing roles for the first time in front of an audience. Thank you for your help with their practising at home and thank you to the staff in Year 3 and Year 4 (and Miss Readman's mum!) for their hard work in creating a script, rehearsing the children, organising costumes and scenery and everything else that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you also to the family and friends who came to see them today – I hope you are proud of them. Thanks also to FOSOPS who made sure refreshments were available and who organised the Easter raffle. Year 6 helped to draw the tickets and winners have been contacted to claim their prizes.



Have a great break and I wish you all a happy Easter!

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I know some families appreciate receiving the **Yorkshire Attractions** leaflet for holiday ideas. This term it is electronic and can be downloaded [here](#).

DIARY DATES

EASTER HOLIDAY 3 rd April to 14 th April. School closed to pupils. Art Camp will be offering childcare here.	
Wednesday 19th April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Thursday 20 th April	Book Club trip to Armley Mills cinema
Friday 21 st April	Headingley and Kirkstall Combined Schools Band assembly and drop in rehearsal TBC
Sunday 23 rd April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Tuesday 25 th April	Reception Class trip to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden for outdoor learning
Tuesday 25 th April	Rugby match TBC
Wednesday 26 th April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 th April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 st May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 th May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th -9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8 th May for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.	
Wednesday 17 th May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 th to 19 th May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 nd to 26 th May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
Thursday 25 th May *	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	
5 th to 9 th June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
Tuesday 13 th June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Thursday 15 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House TBC
Friday 16 th June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 nd June	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Saturday 24 th 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 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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

↓ Former pupil Isabel has her stall at the **Maker's Market** in Headingley Central again this weekend. I hear the highly recommended churros sell out particularly quickly!



Some more pictures from the great Y3/4 production **Roll Back the Stone**

