



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families at **Stay and Play** this morning, thank you for coming. It does make the, "What did you do at school today?" questions easier when you can talk about some of the things you have seen in the classroom.

Thank you to Hannah Black, Y2 teacher, for all her work on our **new school website**, which is now up and running.

Shire Oak CE Primary School

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### Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our website. Shire Oak CE Primary School is a one form entry, close knit school on a leafy, spacious site in the middle of Headingley.

At Shire Oak our **values** are very important to us and inform the way we work with children and their families. Children know that our expectations are to Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Your Best.

If you are considering Shire Oak for your child's education, please read our **prospectus** and contact us to make a visit to school or to ask us any questions.

Jane Astrid Devane (Head Teacher)

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Shire Oak is a safe and inclusive school and we expect all adults who work with, visit or meet our children to uphold the highest standards of safeguarding and regard for the welfare of children.

We have been working hard to make a site that is easier to use and update and that reflects our school. We hope you will have a look (see if you can find the links to Reception Class blog and the Y4 Maths Blog.) We really welcome feedback (by email, text or face to face) on these questions:

- What do you like about the new website?
- Is there anything missing that would be useful?
- How could we make it even better?
- Does it work properly on your computer or device?

[www.shireoak.org](http://www.shireoak.org)

This week classes have been enjoying their trips to **Headingley Library**. Although we have a very well stocked library (larger than that of any primary school I know of!) it is still good to get children into the habit of visiting a local library and choosing from a different selection of books. I was lucky enough to go with Year 4 this week and was very impressed with their conduct but also how confidently they used the library numbering system to find what they wanted.

You will know that we have **Learning Support Assistants** working in every class who make such a valuable contribution to children's learning and welfare. We organise this carefully to make sure children get support when they need it most and this term we have made one or two staff changes to make sure that we are best meeting the needs of our children. Mrs Jill Dickinson is now working in Year 2 and Mr Shaun Woodward is now working in Year 4.

**FOSOPS** met this week and are busy planning events for the spring and summer. They are looking for a different DJ for their next disco and would welcome suggestions from parents. We want a **new DJ** who is entertaining, has a mixture of games and regular dancing, respects our rules on not dividing into girls' and boys' teams and has up to date music (but knows not to play anything inappropriate for a school audience). Do you know anyone?! Please let me, Liz Craven or any FOSOPS member know! Thank you.

I have attached a letter from the Leeds Safeguarding Children's Board about **e-safety** (keeping children safe online). Although we teach the children about e-safety as part of the curriculum, it is important that they hear that message at home too, so I hope this letter will provide some useful pointers. We are considering putting on some training for parents on e-safety. If this is something you would be interested in, please let us know!

Have a lovely weekend!

*Jane Astrid Devane*

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### Did you know?

That we are planning a project to develop the Nature Garden into an area that can be used for quiet reflection, study, prayer, etc. as well as being a great habitat for wildlife. If you would be interested in helping with this work, please let me know.

### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Movie Night
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January *	Reception Class meeting about learning maths for parents and carers, 6pm.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February *	Display of homework in the hall, from 3pm (TBC)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February *	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February *	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March *	FOSOPS meeting, just after drop off in Kidzone. All welcome.
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March *	Holi (Hindu Festival) assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Residential, Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March *	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April *	Y3/4 Easter production
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April *	FOSOPS Easter Egg Hunt after school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April *	EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May *	BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team hobbies half day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May *	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June *	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak (date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July *	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year

\* means added or changed since last newsletter

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Many children and young people will be receiving the latest gadgets such as tablets, smart phones and games consoles this Christmas.

The internet and all it can offer, is a wonderful tool for keeping in touch with friends and family, however parents and carers need to be aware that it is possible for people who are not known to your children and young people, to communicate with them via the internet.

Some parents, carers or relatives might not realise that even games consoles such as Xbox and PlayStation are connected to the internet and can be used for communicating as well as playing games.

While using these gadgets is second nature for many children and young people, they can seem quite daunting for parents or carers who may not be as technologically savvy.

Simple, step-by-step instructions have been produced on how to set the privacy settings on the most popular applications and games consoles used by children and young people.

If you have bought a child or young person a new gadget eg; mobile, games console or ipad for Christmas, you can follow these instructions and enable these settings before you give your gift and therefore help protect your child or young person online.

To access the instructions for the most popular applications and consoles go to the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board website: [www.leedslscb.org.uk](http://www.leedslscb.org.uk) and click on the **Parents/Carers** section.

Kind regards

Jane Held  
**Independent Chair, Leeds Safeguarding Children Board**  
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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. 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 Hilary Whitehead.

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, Janie Percy-Smith [janieps@aol.com](mailto:janieps@aol.com) (Janie is also in school most Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)