



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a busy week in school as staff try to cram in as much learning as possible before the Easter break. We were delighted to celebrate some of **Year 6** and **Year 5**'s learning this week in their **class sharing assemblies**. Year 6 have obviously been responding maturely and sensitively to their topic about living in Britain during WW2 and the quality of their written and creative work shows how much they have understood. Year 5 really have been excelling at science this term and we enjoyed a wide ranging assembly with information from lots of the subjects they have been studying and even some jokes. Both upper KS2 assemblies were chiefly written and planned by the children themselves, which is great.

As spring term topics come to an end it has been fun to see how this has been marked in classes. Year 1 have been enjoying finding out that the thrill of 'new to you' is as good as brand new in their **toy swap** this week – great sharing and sustainability!

School and home working together is the most powerful combination for children making good progress at school so, although they are busy and full on evenings, we always enjoy our **parent and carer consultation evenings**. Almost everybody in school has had an appointment or will have theirs this week, which is great. (Please contact us asap if you have not yet made an appointment.) We are very sorry that we had to postpone Year 6 appointments this week at such short notice, but this was unavoidable due to staff illness. We are hopeful that these can be rescheduled for Tuesday next week using the same appointment times, but we will confirm this on Monday. If you would *not* be able to attend the same slot on Tuesday please let the office know.

Our **football team** have been working hard and improving their skills to quite some degree with much more favourable outcomes in the second leg rematches that have been held recently. Thank you to all the supporters who turned out to cheer them on.

Year 2 have made the most of the brighter days this week as they visited an area of The Ridge being developed by the University of Leeds for their habitat work. You can follow their adventures on Twitter: [@msbarley_class](https://twitter.com/msbarley_class)

Ms Barley's class @msbarley_class · 22 Mar ...
This week Year 2 @shireoakce took their science learning to the woods, investigating habitats. Thank you @UniversityLeeds for the use of this great area. #Stem #primaryscience #outdoorlearning



Thank you to everyone who has been donating prizes to the **Easter raffle** and buying tickets! Here are some of the prizes, although a few more have come in since the photo was taken. (Further donations of prizes welcome!) Thank you also to everyone who supported the **Red Nose Day bun sale** by donating or buying treats. School Council raised over £200 to send to Comic Relief.



To keep up the great punctuality we have been seeing recently, please don't forget about the clock change this weekend. I hope you have a lovely weekend, even with an hour less in bed!



Ramadan Mubarak to our families marking this special time.

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There's still time for children and young people to choose one of our brilliant World Book Day £1/C1.50 books for FREE with their £1/C1.50 book token. Accessible formats are available from our partners at RNIB, Guide Dogs, Calibre Audio, and NCBL. Token redemption period ends on 26 March 2023.

World Book Day £1 books are sale until Sunday – don't miss out



Year One weaving

DIARY DATES

Monday 27 th March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Tuesday 28 th March	Rugby match at Whitkirk
Tuesday 28 th March *	Likely rescheduled date for Y6 parents evening appointments from this week. (22.3.23)
Wednesday 29 th March	Y5 trip to Leeds Piano Festival maths and music trip
Wednesday 29 th March	Group from Y2, Y3 & Y4 to Cross-Country running event at Richmond House School
Wednesday 29 th March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 th to 29 th March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church Mon Y4, R & Y3 Tu Y2 & Y6 Wed Y1 & Y5
Friday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents/carers & Easter raffle draw (prize donations welcome)
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.
8th-9th 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
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.