



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been so lovely having the children back after the Christmas break. Many of them are very tired at the end of this week but they are getting back into the routine of early bedtimes and getting up for school. We will soon be starting this term's **extra-curricular activities** so please make sure you look out for the letter. (KS1 and KS2). Instrumental music lessons have started this term but there has been some disruption beyond our control. Susan in the office keeps a very close eye on the number of sessions offered and ensures sessions missed by the tutor are either made up or refunded.

As well as good sleep **routines** it has been great to hear of families starting the new year with some helpful learning routines at home. Of these, regular reading is the most important and anything /everything they read is useful so please do comment in their reading record if they are reading books they prefer at home. Reception Class parents will soon have the opportunity to find out more about how their child is learning maths at school. We will hold this meeting virtually with a video of the input to watch and then a Zoom session to answer any further questions you may have.

This week the children in KS1 and KS2 met together in their **house teams** to think about themes and activities they would like to see in the next House Team Hobby Half Days. The Year 6 House Team Captains did a very good job of leading these discussions. (As these are in mixed classes we held the meetings stood up outside, which definitely kept the meetings focused!) **School Council** have also met this week and started discussing ideas they have for running an occasional tuck shop and bun sales as well as improving our basketball facilities.

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that if you pay for **school dinners** half termly then the cost until February half term break is £81.60. Thank you.

FOSOPS are also getting organised for the year ahead and will be holding a meeting on Thursday next week (20th) at 9:30am. This will be on Zoom and it would be great to have a good turnout. One of the items for discussion is planning for the return of **Headingley Youth Music Festival** in June. We organised and host this (usually) annual event for the community and it incorporates our summer fair as well as the music-making opportunities. We have had to pause it for the last two years so it would be great to bring this outdoor event back bigger and better than ever!

We have had twelve further cases of **COVID** in Years 1 – 6. Classes have 1 or 2 cases, except Y6 which has 5. There are a further three children waiting for test results across school.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class
YR (Thames)	Oscar because he is really enthusiastic about his reading and is making great progress. Barney because he is very helpful especially at tidying time!
Y1 (Nile)	Caleb because he is working hard and improving with his handwriting. Fox because he is working hard learning his phonics and using it in his reading and writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Levi because he is working hard to learn maths facts to understand problems and to use facts and skills to solve them. Robyn because she is trying hard in all situations to be a switched on Shire Oak learner using the 5Bs to solve problems independently.
Y3 (Rhine)	Sophie has been working hard on her handwriting. Eloise has shown a positive attitude towards her learning.
Y4 (Ganges)	Darcy is becoming a more enthusiastic reader both at home and at school which is wonderful to see. Teddy's enthusiasm for learning at school often results in him competing exciting projects at home which he shares with the class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Erin makes thoughtful and humorous contributions in class. Jorge presents his maths with thought and good presentation.
Y6 (Amazon)	Rosa always puts top effort into all her work and has great focus. Jamie makes meaningful contributions to class in all subject areas.
Citizen of the Week was Atticus who stayed calm and was very helpful and observant when a small child was lost after school.	
Well done to all these children who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one: Rosa, Jamie, Logan, Isabel, Peggy, Krishan, Hope and Rose.	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities may find the attached workshops helpful.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 6 th January	Open morning for prospective parents between 9:15 and 11:15am
Monday 17 th January	Leeds United PSHCE session with Y6
Thursday 20 th January *	FOSOPS meeting at 9:30am by Zoom. All friends and family welcome.
Thursday 20 th January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Tuesday 25 th January *	Reception Class maths question and answer session on Zoom. (Watch the video first please)
Thursday 20 th January	Homework hand in day for Years 1-6
Thursday 27 th January	Y5 trip to the chocolate factory
Sunday 13 th February	Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (all invited to take part in the All Age Service) 10am
Thursday 10 th March *	Y2 trip to Leeds City Museum using public transport
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
Friday 27 th May 2022	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	



BEAVERS



TIME FOR FUN

8th Staenwald Beavers have space for 6 year old boys and girls to join their colony which meets on Fridays at Stainbeck United Reformed Church

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