



Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week in school draws to a close. Well done to all our Year 6s who acted as tour guides and great ambassadors for our school at the **Open Morning** on Tuesday. (Some even came back for the **Open Evening** too.) They were able to confidently and proudly explain all about the ways we learn at Shire Oak and it was good to eavesdrop on them. Confident and loving learning is our aim for all our children when they go to high school, so this group are well on their way. Thank you to FOSOPS volunteers and to our current parent visitors for your support.

Sarah Coulter, the Reception Class teacher, ran a **session on the teaching and learning of maths** for parents of our newest children this week. I hope you found it helpful – please chat to Sarah if you were unable to make it but have any questions. **Stay and Play** was well attended this morning in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It is always good to see parents and children playing and learning together. This is also a good time for some of those informal questions.

On Tuesday evening there is the chance to join a sweet local event. The **Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On** is a relatively new arrangement with carol singing, a countdown and refreshments afterwards in the church. The lights will switch on at 6, so singing, etc. will be from 5:40pm and people will gather around the war memorial outside St Michael's Church from 5:30pm. It would be good to see Shire Oak families there, and especially children who will be coming to our carol-singing choir this year.



Excitement is growing as we get closer to one of the highlights of the school year. The **Winter Festival of Fire** is after school on Wednesday and will include outdoor craft activities, singing, storytelling, a bonfire, a reflective area, campfire food, facepainting, a book giveaway, refreshments and indoor activities. Please join us once you have picked up your child. All welcome!

WINTER FESTIVAL OF FIRE THIS WEDNESDAY!



Year 6 have now also visited **Lotherton Hall** to support their learning about WW2. Just as Year 5 did last week, they arrived at school in period clothing, and then were **'evacuated'** to the countryside at Lotherton. As well as learning more about life for children in World War II, including evacuation, they were able to look at artefacts from the time, learn to send Morse Code messages and take part in other activities. Both classes were complimented on their behaviour and it was good to see them throw themselves into their learning like this.



We are now coming to the end of **Anti Bullying Fortnight**. To celebrate the theme of 'all different, all equal' we have made our own video about differences that was premiered at a special assembly on Tuesday afternoon where the children also showed off their new lanyards and

the special ID badges they had made themselves. I thought it might also be useful to share with you some of the language we use to talk about bullying in school and what we teach the children before they (and we) sign the Anti Bullying Charter.

What is bullying?

Bullying is...



Physical

- Hurting someone
- Spitting on someone
- Pulling down clothes
- Fighting someone
- Kicking someone
- Insulting someone
- Saying horrible things to someone
- Saying horrible things about someone to their face or to spread rumours
- Saying horrible things about someone's family
- Saying things to embarrass someone
- Laughing at someone
- Being sarcastic to someone

Verbal

- Copying or mimicking someone
- Name calling
- Making threatening gestures to someone
- Giving dirty looks to someone
- Hiding someone's things
- Breaking and spoiling things that belong to someone
- Taking things from someone and hiding them or throwing them around
- Writing notes about someone and passing them around

Emotional

- Writing horrible things in texts or emails
- Writing bad things on someone's Facebook wall
- Making threatening gestures to someone
- Sending horrible photos and films by text or email

What is not bullying?

Bullying is not...

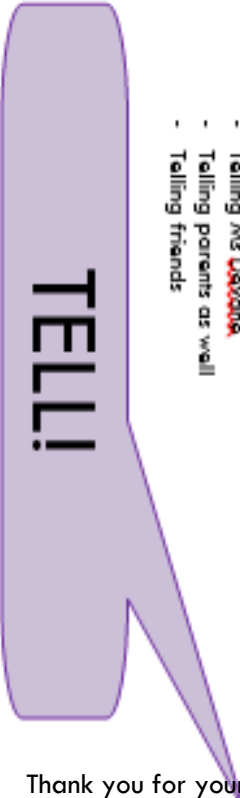
- Falling out with someone
- Playing a trick on someone
- Things that are an accident
- Protecting someone
- Sticking up for yourself
- Being too rough in a game

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 Hinchliffe
- Telling Ms Devane
- Telling parents as well
- Telling friends



Thank you for your help making sure Shire Oak is a school where children can be kind, be safe and be their best.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21 st November	Switch on of Headingley Christmas lights 5:30 for 5:40pm with Christmas Carols.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school.
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 Class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 4 th December	Bun Sale run by Year 5 (Y5 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 5 th December	Dress rehearsal for nativity performances in front of the other classes
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th December	Robinwood Residential for the Year 6 class
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am, all welcome!
Tuesday 12 th December	School Christmas lunch.
Saturday 16 th December - Tuesday 2 nd January. School closed for Christmas holiday.	
Tuesday 2 nd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 5 th January	Reports to parents Y1-Y6 go home this week.
Friday 5 th January *	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Monday 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week (growth mindsets, etc.)
Wednesday 10 th January	Open Morning
Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 12 th January	Fractions Friday (fun maths day)
Friday 19 th January	Geography Fun Facts Day
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 29 th January *	Bun Sale run by Year 4 (Y4 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Thursday 1 st February	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Sunday 4 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael's Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	Reading Week will include a dress up day.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February. School closed for half term holiday.	
Monday 19 th February	'Get into STEM' (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2
Wednesday 21 st February *	Movie Night
Thursday 22 nd February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Thursday 1 st March *	Bun Sale run by Year 3 (Y3 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 2 nd March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 th March *	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 th April *	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 th April *	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Mon 14 th –Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 th May *	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
Monday 21 st May *	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday	

Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th June	* Movie Night
Wednesday 20 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	* New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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 Jane Hincliffe.

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, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)

