



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our autumn term **parents and carers consultation evening** this Wednesday. It really helps us to help your child to have these conversations. I am looking forward to seeing the other half of school this coming Wednesday. Please remember that Sara Mitchell (our Special Educational Needs Coordinator) is also available to meet with parents. Do get in touch if you would like to speak to her.

This week has been a busy week! On Monday classes throughout KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a special **tennis day** where they spent time with a tennis coach learning skills and playing across a net.



There was more sport on Tuesday afternoon when children from Year 4 joined in with a **Cross Country Festival** in Otley. The children participated well and some even placed against more experienced runners. Thank you to Ms Helen Barley and Mrs Zaiga Pakalna for taking them.

On Tuesday Year 5 travelled (virtually) back through time for an online **Anglo Saxons Day**. They learned a lot and have interesting facts to share now!

There were also plenty of interesting facts (and stories) to read in the gorgeous **miniature books** that children in Years 1 to 6 created on Thursday afternoon. This was our House Team Hobby Half Day and the children worked in their mixed age house teams (instead of classes) to plan and create miniature books. They were inspired by the British Library project on this theme. I am looking forward to seeing the library we will create from all of our tiny books!



Mrs Susan Koyuncu has asked me to remind you that **school dinner** prices are – regrettably – going up to £2.55 a day from the 6th November. (This is for KS2. Reception and KS1 still receive free school meals.) If you need to change your child's dinner arrangements, please let Susan know by Thursday next week. Thank you.

Whilst I am giving out reminders, please don't forget to vote in the **parent governor** election. The closing date is on the day after the half term break. All parents can vote and full details were in last week's newsletter.

The final reminder in this newsletter is that FOSOPS are holding a **hot chocolate and treats sale** in the hall after school on Thursday. We are hoping to be able to use their new card machine, but if most people have cash that will make things a lot quicker whilst we get to grips with it! If you are able to donate buns or treats that we could sell alongside the hot chocolate, that would be appreciated too. (If they are homemade, please label any allergens in them.) It will be good to celebrate all the hard work that children (and adults) have put in this half term!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 23 rd October	Leeds United working with Y6 from 9:30am
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
Tuesday 24 th October *	Y5/6 Girls' football at Lawnswood YMCA
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 26 th October	FOSOPS hot chocolate and cake sale after school in the hall. (No rugby training)
Friday 27 th October	TRAINING DAY. School is closed to children. Staff will be doing training in school.
<p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. School is closed to children. Art Camp will be running a holiday club https://www.artcampuk.com</p>	
Thursday 9 th November	Homework due in for Years 1 to 6. (See leaflet for confirmation).
Friday 10 th November	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
13 th – 24 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight. Includes drama workshops (KS2) on the 13 th
w/c 13 th November	YR trip to Pizza Express TBC
Thursday 16 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 family and friends welcome!
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Wed'day 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school in the grounds.
27 th November onwards	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
Tuesday 28 th November	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church TBC
Friday 1 st December	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
4 th to 6 th December	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Wednesday 6 th December	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom TBC
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 th and 15 th December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Tuesday 12 th December	Inter Schools football tournament hosted by Lawnswood School
Wed 13 th December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Wed 13 th December	School nurses to see YR and Y6
Thursday 14 th December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 th December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Wed'sday 20 th December	Christmas discos R/1/2 3:45-4:45pm and KS2 5:00-6:00 pm
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25th to Fri 5th January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church that many of our children enjoy. School is closed to children. Art Camp are measuring demand for a holiday club. Fill in their survey here.</p>	
Thursday 11 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Thursday 11 th January	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
Friday 12 th January	Stay and Play in YR/Y1/Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Tuesday 16 th January	Reception Class trip to Pizza Express (TBC)
Thursday 18 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Friday 19 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Friday 26 th January	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 30 th January	Y5 chocolate trip to York TBC
Friday 2 nd February	Lunar New Year Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
7 th - 9 th February	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Wednesday 7 th February	Reception Parents and Carers maths meeting 2:15pm
Friday 23 rd February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!

Thursday 29 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
Friday 1 st March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 5 th March	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day. We usually dress up as book characters today.
8 th to 17 th March	British Science Week
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
Friday 15 th March	Hot Cross Bun sale straight after school TBC
18 th to 20 th March	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Tuesday 26 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production dress rehearsal am
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3/4 Easter Production PM, families welcome
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 28 th March	TRAINING DAY. School will be closed to children. Staff will be training in school.
Monday 15 th April	Year 2 intensive swimming lessons start (letter to follow nearer the time)
Friday 19 th April	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 & Y2 at the start of the day. Families welcome!
22 nd & 23 rd April	D:Side PSHCE sessions (Safety around medicines, alcohol, etc.)
Friday 26 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 families and friends welcome!
Sunday 28 th April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Friday 3 rd May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
13 th to 17 th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
3 rd to 7 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 4 th June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Friday 7 th June	Y5 trip to recycling plant TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 20 th June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Monday 24 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day TBC
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip

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.

