



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to the parents who joined in with our **Reception Class maths meeting** on Wednesday and especially to those that gave us positive feedback. It was also good to welcome parents and carers of prospective pupils to look around our school on Thursday morning. As ever, our **Year 6** tour guides were a credit to the school and we receive many lovely compliments about how confident and knowledgeable they are and how much their love of school comes through. That was also evident in their lovely **class assembly** this morning when we were all impressed with just how much they had challenged themselves and grown during the adventurous activities at Robinwood residential as well as in all their other great learning.

This is quite a short half term, but increasingly busy as the weeks go on so everyone in school is focused on making sure we make the most of learning time. Children are enjoying finding out about the **new topics** they will be studying in different subjects and trying hard after the Christmas break.

On the last day of the half term, we will be having a **special picnic lunch** in classrooms (whilst the hall gets a facelift from the decorators). If your child normally has a packed lunch on that day but would like the picnic lunch, please let the office know asap. (The same is true if they would prefer their own packed lunch that day instead.) On the subject of food, please make sure that records in the office are up to date if your child has any **allergies** or a change to their allergies and what they can/cannot eat. Thank you.

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	<b>Milena</b> does good independent learning, including writing stories. <b>Ben</b> is joining in well in carpet sessions.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Inigo</b> is switched on and keen with his learning. <b>Anwen</b> is well motivated and focused on joining in well with her learning.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Jacob</b> always gives his best in the classroom and is a very kind member of Y2. <b>Eleanor</b> is working more independently and trying hard with all tasks.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Effie</b> wrote an excellent poem about a volcano and performed it to the class loudly, clearly and with expression. <b>Joseph</b> wrote an excellent poem about a volcano and performed it to the class with energy.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Josh</b> has worked with his partner in PE to carry out gymnastic movements with synchronicity. <b>Rory</b> listened well to the instructions given in a gymnastics lesson and then carefully constructed a well choreographed routine.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Olo</b> always makes thoughtful contributions to class discussions. <b>Tayah-Mai</b> has come back with a very positive learning mindset.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Leo</b> is always looking to improve his sentence work when writing. <b>April</b> is working very hard on her handwriting and it is showing.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Benji</b> who was nominated by Florence because “he is kind and helps me and others when we are stuck on our work. He is very helpful.” Well done!	

Have a great weekend!

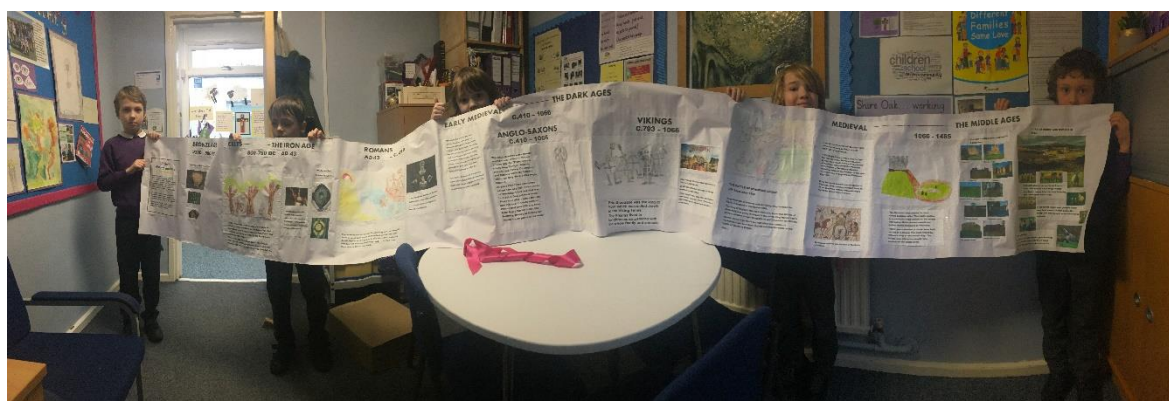
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We have seen lot of great **homework** being handed in since Christmas!

This great Y3 tapestry-style timeline was a joint family effort. Children get a lot out of both independent tasks and talking to you about their learning, so both approaches are fine! Don't forget the regular reading!



## DIARY DATES

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January *	FOSOPS meeting at 2:30pm to plan social/fundraising events for the next few months
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January *	Y6 trip to Headingley Library for a workshop on Judith Rhoses' <u>The Little Suitcase</u>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Lunar New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Water safety assemblies by the Canals and Rivers Trust
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> February *	Y5 trip to see Little Shop of Horrors at Lawnswood School am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb *	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops for Years 5 and 6 following virtual assemblies and class workshops in the preceding weeks
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Nights TBC Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March *	Small group to visit Civic Hall Fairtrade Schools Celebration pm
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March*	Y5 trip to Leeds Piano Festival maths trip
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to 14 <sup>th</sup> April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) <a href="https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children">https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children</a>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and team photos

TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	* Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September. School closed to pupils.	
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a>	

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!**

Help tell the story of your life in Leeds since Covid 19 – and you could win a £20 voucher!

The Director of Public Health in Leeds is writing a report to shine a light on children's experiences since the pandemic, and to make sure people in Leeds are doing everything they can to help children and families to be healthy and happy.

You could share a photo, drawing, collage, poem, piece of writing or short film.

To support this report, Thackray Museum of Medicine has created a craft area where you can\*design your creation. Head to Tarsal to start creating!

For more information, or to submit your creation please use the following link:  
<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/80N8G4>

Deadline: 20th January

\* Tarsal is a special zone at Thackray Museum