



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a gloriously sunny end to our half term! The weather was a perfect complement to **Green Week** at Shire Oak and enabled us to get out into the environment that we have been learning about and committing to protecting. This week children have made use of our grounds to learn about nature, but have also ventured to North Hill Well Wood, thanks to the University of Leeds who have made this space available to us. Yesterday Year 3 ventured even further afield to Otley Chevin to practise their map-reading skills and learn about the local geography there.



We want all our children to be able to travel independently as they get older, and to be able to do this in a sustainable way. That is why each Green Week includes **road safety** training led by Leeds City Council staff. We start with classroom

sessions and a role play road crossing set. This moves on to pedestrian training and scooter training (on local roads) as children get older. Our Year 6 children then have Bikeability training after the half term break. (The more they can practise over half term the more chance they have of demonstrating the confidence and control needed to pass the assessment to go out on the roads, so do encourage them please!

In Green Week we are also very pleased to welcome volunteers and visitors into school to add to the children's learning experiences. Throughout the week and on **House Team Hobby Half Day** the children have taken part in workshops and activities linked to the environment. Thank you to Liam from Natural England, Oliver with his electric car's dancing light show, Valeria and her permaculture work, Alex Sobel MP, PCSO Rebecca, Hannah from Leeds DEC (Eco Heroes workshop), Made in Music and Phil with his reclaimed materials for their efforts this week.



Thank you to everyone who has already completed the parents and carers' survey. Please don't forget to share your views!

[Survey Link](#)

After the half term break we will be looking forward to the summer activities we hold at Shire Oak. Key amongst those is the **Headingley Youth Music Festival** which we host for the local community and incorporates our summer fair. We will be looking for volunteers to host stalls and serve refreshments. We also have a non-uniform day on the 16th June in return for an item for the tombola, so please have a look to see if you have any suitable prizes.

Have a lovely Whitsun break! I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 5th June**.

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PS We will still accept donations to the Book Drive for the Children's Book Project straight after half term if that is easier for sorting out your used books. If any kind volunteer would be willing to transport them to Seagulls in Kirkstall too, I would love to hear from you! Thank you for all the books that have come in so far!

DIARY DATES

Friday 26 th June	*	After school sale of ice lollies and new to you reused uniform. (School hall)
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils. Art Camp are offering a playscheme.		
5 th to 9 th June		Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children The lighter evenings are a good time for children to practise cycling so that they can do the more advanced on-road sections of this training.
Wednesday 7 th June		RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers 5pm
Thursday 8 th June		Class and team photos
Thursday 8 th June		FOSOPS meeting to plan HYMF Summer Fair 2:30pm, all welcome.
Friday 9 th June		Leeds Rhinos sessions for Y3/4 girls, TBC
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
Thursday 15 th June		Y5 Rugby 1-3pm (unfortunately our usual minibus is not available so we are asking for parents to please organise transport)
Thursday 15 th June	*	Free after school CPD for teachers & student teachers on Climate Change education
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		Y6 Rugby 1-3pm (unfortunately our usual minibus is not available so we are asking for parents to please organise transport)
Tuesday 20 th June		New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Thursday 22 nd June		Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
Thursday 22 nd June		Lawnswood staff coming to visit September's Year 7
Thursday 22 nd June		Y5 girls' football at Kirkstall 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
Monday 3 rd July	*	Y5 tip to waste recycling plant
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.



HEADINGLEY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023



SATURDAY 24TH JUNE
12 - 4PM | FREE ENTRY

Shire Oak Primary School, Wood Lane, Headingley, LS6 2DT

FEATURING... LIVE MAINSTAGE / MUSIC WORKSHOPS
STORYTELLING / CIRCUS SKILLS / BOUNCY CASTLE /
BBQ & REFRESHMENTS