

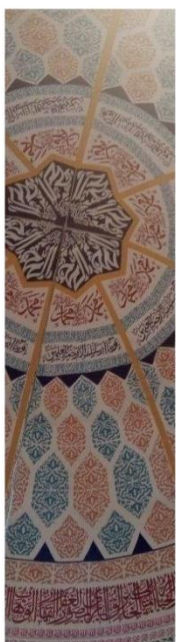


SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It feels like I start every newsletter with words like, “What a busy week!” and this week was no exception. We have been enjoying our **Multicultural Arts and Faith Week** which we hold every two years. In this way we ensure that all children visit key local places of worship (synagogues, mosques, mandirs and churches) during their time at Shire Oak. We enjoy hosting visitors from different faith traditions so as well as local vicar Rev Tony we have welcomed Imam Adam and his friend Rev Heston and this morning invited Quakers Robert and Robin. Children participated in a range of activities in our termly House Team Hobby Half Day on Tuesday and made tribal masks, listened to British storyteller Martin Riley, played traditional and new games and much more. We will round off the week of trips, special events and world themed classroom activities with a special carnival performance this afternoon by RJC dance as children show their own special costumes and outfits.



During this week children have also had the opportunity to visit the **ofrenda** that had been set up in our hall. This special focal point of Mexican Day of the Dead traditions was made by Mexican artists and set up by Ellie Harrison from the Grief Series. The aim is to help people engage with loss, bereavement and death in different ways – with celebration and colour

as well as silence and sombre mood. Our children have brought in, made and drawn things that remind them of friends and family who have died, or they miss, and placed them on the ofrenda. They have taken part in reflective activities and really contributed well. It was also great to welcome friends and family to the multicultural food picnic after school on Wednesday and see adults spending time with the ofrenda too. Thank you to everyone who cooked, shopped, served and brought food in for us all to share!

Amidst all this busy-ness Year 6 have visited the **Leeds City College Printworks** site and gained a valuable insight into further study, careers and vocations. The team there wrote, "We just wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for visiting us yesterday. We had a great day and really enjoyed working with you all. The students were a fantastic group, they asked lots of

great questions and were really engaged throughout the whole day. The school should be very proud of the students, we look forward to working with you again in the future!" Well done Year 6!



Year 4 have continued their (limited date) tour and performed a set on their djembes at the **Big Play** concert at Pudsey Civic Hall. They played very well and enjoyed listening to the other schools perform too. Two of our KS2 children also performed in the **YAMSEN choir** performance this week and delighted the audience which included children from school who went to support them.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who baked/brought in buns for the sale on Monday morning. Reception Class raised very nearly £80!



Some children (and their families) participated in last week's **Clean Air Day** in Headingley after school. They made polite (and often rhyming or alliterative) placards and encouraged motorists to think of alternatives on such a polluted road. They impressed a number of local campaigners and passers-by with their courteous determination!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Filey – bucket and spade donations welcomed!
Tues 2 nd & Wed 3 rd July	Lawnswood transition days for Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 4 th July	* Small group to cricket ground
Friday 5 th July	Assembly about the Leeds libraries summer reading challenge
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital for children who learn an instrument or singing 1:30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening 6pm
Thursday 11 th July	Author visit to Year 1 (Yasmeen Ismail)
Friday 12 th July	Y5 trip to Lawnswood for Maths Puzzle morning
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Monday 15 th July	* Combined school band invited to play at Kirkstall Valley, 9am.
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5 trip to Yeadon Tarn
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!)
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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Monday 2 nd September	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd September	First day of school for Years 1 to 6.
Wednesday 4 th September	Reception Class start in groups for the next three half days
Friday 6 th September	Reception Class stay for lunch for the first time – parents & carers welcome
Monday 9 th September	Reception Class start full days at school
Wednesday 16 th October	Skylar's Missing Note music concert
Friday 25 th October	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 6 th November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 19 th December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking)
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
* 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 Hinchliffe.

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

Sue Ryder **Wheatfields Hospice**

Wheatfields Summer Fair

Saturday 29th June 11am - 3pm
At Wheatfields Hospice & Shire Oak School

Amazing day out for the whole family! Delicious food and drink, licensed bar, live music, children's games, crafts and activities, fun dog show, a wide range of stalls, tombola, raffle and lots more!

To book a stall, sponsor the dog show, donate raffle prizes or more information
0113 2033302
wheatfields.fundraising@suerydercare.org

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Wheatfields Charity Dog Show

29th June at Wheatfields Summer Fair
Registration from 11:15
£1 per class
Prizes 1st- 3rd place



1. Best fancy dress
2. Best young handler (12yrs and under)
3. Golden oldie (9yrs and over)
4. Best puppy (12 months and under)
5. Waggiest tail
6. Best rescue
7. Best trick
8. Best in show

For more information contact the Wheatfields fundraising team on 01132033336 or email wheatfields.fundraising@suerydercare.org

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PICNIC IN THE PARK 1-5PM

SUNDAY JULY 7TH 2019

FEATURING MUSIC FROM BASSA BASSA 2:30-4:30PM

STALLS FUN MUSIC VENDORS GAMES

BECKETT PARK HEADINGLEY

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND A PICNIC AND ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS.

Plant sale - Games - Music - Community Groups - Guide Dogs

Lots of activities for children and teens

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