

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for all your donations of food last week for our **Harvest Festival**; look how much we managed to collect! The children were proud about what we were able to share with Rainbow Junction at All Hallows. (Although some of Year 6 may have wished it was a slightly smaller collection when they had to bag it up and carry it through Headingley!) Thank you to Reverend Heston who met us at St Michael's to transport the food the last stage of its journey. He also talked to the Y6 children about food waste and how important it was for us to try and make sure we don't throw out food. The children also painted pebbles as part of our Harvest Rocks theme. These were displayed at the front of school and are now being taken when classes explore our grounds and beyond so that they can be left for others to find and be cheered. Finally, if you didn't get to watch our **Harvest Festival assembly online**, you can still see it at <https://youtu.be/XR7EAUd42io>



If you have not yet booked childcare for next week, there are a couple of places left on **Art Camp** here in school. They are offering a 10% discount to all Shire Oak families which you obtain by using the code **shireoaks1000**.

I hope that it is not the case that any of our children develop COVID symptoms over the half term holidays. However, we must still do our bit to cooperate with public health if that should happen. If your child develops COVID symptoms before Sunday evening and these are then confirmed via a **positive test** you must please let us know. (Unless your child was not in school for the preceding two days.) We would then be able to contact anyone who needs to isolate because of this. Please email me on janead@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk to let me know should that be the case. Information about testing in Leeds can be found here: <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-where-to-go-for-testing/>

School Council have been busy meeting to plan their work for the year. They have also been asking their classes what they like about school as it is at the moment (in bubbles), what they miss and any ideas they have had. I was so impressed to hear their positivity and how pragmatic and understanding they are. They have come up with some good ideas like 'bubble buddy benches' that we will be putting into place after half term. They have also been discussing what to do with some **Children in Need** goodies that they were donated. They have decided that they will run a **drawing competition**. Each child (working in groups if they prefer) can enter the competition by giving in a drawing of Pudsey and/or Blush bear and giving it in – ideally with a donation. The winning entry will win a cuddly Pudsey bear and runners up will win wristbands. The other entries will be used to randomly draw out recipients of the remaining wristbands. Your children

can start the drawings this half term as they can hand them in on any paper. They will also be running a **bun sale** during the day. Please could Year 1 and Year 2 families donate a few buns to this if they can. (Homemade, shop bought, simple, fancy, allergy free – all are welcomed!)

Class	Well done to this week and last week's Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Not yet joining us for assemblies
Y1 (Nile)	Ailibhe for settling in so well and Willis for being a switched-on learner. Stan concentrates well on all his learning, but this week, especially his maths. Jordan is very enthusiastic and tries hard with her learning.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Roman and Sasha have started the year really well. Annabelle has been engaging in her learning with enthusiasm and Josh is working hard in English, sharing ideas and applying them to his work.
Y3 (Rhine)	Dylan for a positive attitude to all aspects of his learning and Clara for using the 5 Bs and improving her understanding of place value in maths. Joey is trying as hard as he can to work independently and is feeling proud of his achievements. Cora is a working hard at home and in school and has a positive attitude to her work.
Y4 (Ganges)	Connie approaches her learning with enthusiasm and is even completing more of it at home. Leo has shown enthusiastic science enquiry skills. Archie always contributes to class discussions and shows kindness and compassion. Jorge always tries his hardest, presents his work neatly and is a kind and considerate member of the class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Rosa for her detailed piece of writing on 'how things work' and Abdullah for always bringing an enthusiastic attitude to his learning – particularly his maths. Peggy led the way in using sign language in our harvest song. Charlie has produced a detailed character description from our class novel.
Y6 (Amazon)	Lewis for his focus in all learning tasks and Sophie for contributing more in class – both good role models. Libby has been getting on well with all her learning tasks and James for bringing energy to his work and enthusiasm to the classroom.

Citizen of the Week was **Leilani** for being helpful and hygiene-conscious at lunchtime and **Jesse** for maturely organising School Council and other jobs in school. Well done!



Well done to Year 6 who this week have taken the iPad and been working in pairs to make their own **virtual tour** of school. This is so that we can offer a virtual Open Day but still have the honest picture that Year 6 give to prospective parents when they take on the job of tour guides. I look forward to watching their clips during half term and editing them together. Thank you also to the parents who have 'volunteered' to chat to the camera about thoughts on our school. I do appreciate it.

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I have enjoyed watching Year One get stuck into their **Let's Celebrate** topic. They have been learning about a diverse and inclusive range of weddings and taking that into their

play. "When you grow up you can get married to someone if you love them. But you don't have to!"

All around school I am being impressed with the children's attitude to learning and to each other. They have worked very hard and deserve a good break this week. I wish you all a restful or reinvigorating half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

Have a lovely week.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 23 rd October	WE HAVE POSTPONED THIS TRAINING DAY. NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED LATER
Friday 23 rd October *	Reception Class Movie Night (other classes to follow next half term)
From now *	Leeds City Academy, Woodhouse - Virtual Tour https://www.leedscityacademy.org.uk/News/Online-Virtual-Tour-at-LCA/
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October 2020 HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
(Art Camp are running a playscheme. They are offering Children at Shire Oak a 10% discount. https://artcampuk.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login	
Monday 2 nd November*	PCSO Sarah Gaines visiting the playground at the end of the day. She is happy to talk about firework safety or any concerns you have.
Thursday 5 th November	Homework due in (Years 1 to 6) See homework leaflet for details
Friday 6 th November *	Autumn Dress Up Day. We know that children may have missed out on some of their usual fun in October half term, so they can share their costumes on this day. Please make sure they are suitable to play and learn in all day though. A £1 donation to FOSOPS would be appreciated on the day.
9 th – 20 th November *	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
11 th & 12 th November *	Theatre Workshops on the theme of bullying
Friday 13 th November *	Children in Need Day. Judging of the drawing competition and bun sale.
16 th -20 th November *	Virtual Diwali assembly
Friday 20 th November *	Winter Festival of Fire. This year it will take place during the school day in children's bubbles. (There may be 'takeaway' food to buy at the end of the day.)
Mon 7 th & Fri 11 th Dec	D:Side working with KS1 and KS2 on Internet Safety
Friday 8 th January 2021	10 th Birthday Party at HEART. Children with a birthday today may be invited!
Thursday 28 th January	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Tuesday 16 th March	TRAINING DAY TBC (school closed to children)
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY
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	

Venue: Temple Newsam House

Dates: Saturday 24 October – Friday 30 October (house is closed Monday 26 October)

Time: 11am to 4pm

Beastly bugs have discovered 5 star accommodation at Temple Newsam House. They have booked their staycation for half term week when the Ghastly Ghouls from years gone by pay their annual visit. Meet past residents and hear ghostly tales as you explore this 500 year old building. Follow the bug trail around the house, spot the miniature bug rooms and pick up your own Beastly Bug Craft pack to take home.



To ensure everyone is kept safe numbers will be limited. Please pre-book your tickets to avoid disappointment. <https://www.leedstownhall.co.uk/whats-on/family/temple-newsam-house/6343>

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, Antonia Nicholls, shireoakgovernors@gmail.com. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)