



# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 25  
Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the friends and family who were able to join us for **Year 2's class assembly** on Tuesday. We enjoyed seeing how proud they are of the learning they have been doing and we were pleased to share their celebration of hard work and progress.

Those of you who follow us on Twitter (@shireoakce) will have noticed that Year 4 have been involved in a very **exciting pilot** this year. They have been using Google Classroom to write collaboratively, share their learning with Mr Marshall and use technology to record and develop their learning. It has been a joy to watch how engaged they are in this project – and a relief to technosceptics like myself to see they are still using pens, pencils, whiteboards and talking throughout the week! If you would like to follow their adventures in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) then follow them on Twitter @MrMarshallClass



Leeds City Council are consulting parents on the **position of the Easter holiday**. For a few years now it has been the first two weeks of April in order to even out the spring and summer term lengths. This holiday usually overlaps with Easter, but not always, and in 2019 we will have a holiday and a separate Easter weekend. Although it is too late to change next year's dates, the council want to find out what the public appetite is for keeping or changing the current arrangement. <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar/school-easter-holiday-consultation> Let them know what you think!

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May is one of the three annual **Census Days** in school, when the government collect information from us on pupil numbers, etc. for a number of reasons including to calculate funding. One of those indicators is the number of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 taking the free meal they are entitled to. (Another is children who are eligible for free school meals taking it that day). We have a high uptake in the younger years and there are very, very few children who have packed lunches but I thought I would let parents know that it helps us financially if all children who are entitled to **take their free dinners** on that day. (It is the ever popular roast dinner day, although Mrs Taylor always makes sure there are sandwiches/jacket potatoes for children who are not keen on the main meals offered.)

Once again, torrential rain informed everyone that the school team were about to play a **rugby league match**: This time the Year 5 team's cup quarter final at Bramhope on Friday. Despite this, the team looked focused and full of energy as they took a lead into half time. That was an impressive display of skill and running. But better was to come. As they came under increasing pressure in the 2nd half from a Bramhope team determined to come back in to it, the team worked as a team, keeping their heads and remembering their jobs. After a long spell of impressive defence, Shire Oak broke away and carried out their game plan perfectly to seal a great win. After the best 'thinking' performance by a Shire Oak team ever, they came away with a 7- 4 win and a place in the semi finals. Well done to all!



I hope you have a great bank holiday weekend.

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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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com) Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

## DIARY DATES

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Deadline for returning the parents' survey <a href="http://bit.ly/ShireOakParentsSurvey2018">http://bit.ly/ShireOakParentsSurvey2018</a>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 trip to Temple Newsam
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	* Wharfedale Festival – our steel pannists will be playing!
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	* Royal Wedding themed school lunch
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day. Please note change of date due to FA Cup and Royal Wedding street parties.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards TBC
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June school closed for May half term holiday	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Class, team and group photo day
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meetings (morning and evening)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Danish storytelling and music in conjunction with Headingley Music Festival (Y5)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception trip to Harewood House TBC
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Temple Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ralph Thoresby transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Carr Manor transition day this week, TBC (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Lawnswood School transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Allerton High transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Abbey Grange transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Cardinal Heenan transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Corpus Christi transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Leeds City Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability training for Year 6. Start practising riding now so you are confident to learn to go out on the roads with the tutors.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	