



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

At last the weather has caught up with the range of activities happening in school at the moment and the school diary is incredibly packed right now. Well done to Jayden, Ellie, Lasharde, Ben, Max, Annie, Vishal, Tilly, Jago and Ethan from Year 6 who took part in the North West School Sports Partnership **Kwik Cricket competition** at Horsforth Cricket Club the Wednesday before last. The children all played with enthusiasm, enjoyed themselves and represented the school well.

Thank you to all the children and families who joined us for **Shire Oak Sunday**. About 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the school joined the service which is the best turn out we have had in many years. The children did very well sharing in loud, proud hall voices how we are **rooted in the community and growing for the future**. The children told the congregation about the communities and activities they belong to and what they hope to be and do when they grow up. We then taught the congregation 'We have a king who rides a donkey', with sign language, as it is one of Revd Tony's favourite hymns that we sing. Ann, one of our Foundation Governors asked me to say, "Thank you, from church, to everyone who came. We very much we enjoyed the presentation about the community groups that the children belong to, and their ambitions for the future. It was lovely to meet so many pupils and parents." I wasn't quick enough to catch everyone in this photo, but I did also capture some future Shire Oakers!↑



Year 6 have been enjoying their **Pyramid People** topic, and particularly the gory work on Ancient Egyptians! On Monday they were visited by an Ancient Egyptian time traveller, complete with canopic jars and corpse ready to be embalmed and mummified for a morning of learning-rich activities that were the next best thing) to a trip to Egypt (and much cheaper.



**Year 5** represented the school yesterday at an **Athletics Festival** organised by Lawnswood School and held at Leeds Beckett Campus. Well done to all the competitors.

Ian Martin writes: "Last time I told you that a Shire Oak rugby match guaranteed bad weather. It worked. This week has been one sunny festival of rugby league. So now I'm going to tell you that Leeds Rhinos won't win a trophy this season. Fingers crossed.

On Tuesday, boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Culley Sevens Trophy at Stanningley. They started very strongly with a 5-1 victory over Bramley St Peters before another impressive performance saw them lose out by the odd try to Queensway. Ethan worked hard throughout and made endless tackles to shore up our defence. Following defeat to the eventual Culley champions Templenewsam, they became the first Shire Oak team ever to qualify for the 2nd Division semi final. Despite the relentless efforts and excellent technique of



Lasharde in attack, we were knocked out by Holy Family. It has been a great effort by the whole team and led to our highest ever placing in the annual Leeds wide event.

The following day, the year 5 and 6 girls' tag team coached by former pupil Megan took part for the first time in Leeds Rhinos' tournament, also at Stanningley. In searing heat on big wide pitches, all the girls showed great determination to keep playing right to the end. In fact after an initial period where the speed and skill of Aaliyah and Tilly M had set up the team with long distance tries, the whole team's improvement over the course of the tournament was remarked upon by opposition coaches. A brilliant tournament debut!"



Well done to the performers in the annual lunchtime **Shire Oak's Got Talent Competition**. The finals were held this week and the quality of the singing, dancing and hula hooping was high! Well done to the overall winner Marcus (Y4), runner-up Lasharde (Y6) and third place which was shared between Aaliyah, Simone, Raygan and Emily's group and solo performer Amelia. All of these children practised hard and performed to a high standard. Their competition was stiff though, so many of the acts have been highly commended and invited to perform at the Music Festival on Saturday. Please make sure your child has shown you the letter with their performance time on it. Thank you.

Our **Headingley Youth Music Festival** is connected to the wider Headingley Music Festival and this year, I am pleased to say, we have been offered a free event at our school and as I finish this letter the hall is being set up for very special poetry performance. More next week!

In school we have been busy preparing for our **music festival and summer fair**. Year 6 have been preparing the tombola prizes, children have been practising their 'Can you hear my voice?' song ready to sing with the other Headingley schools and Year 4 have been rehearsing their djembe piece. We still need more adult volunteers for the day so that everyone who comes can spend at least some time with their own children enjoying the festival. Please do volunteer your help to me, Liz Craven or Marcelle Maver at any point up to and including tomorrow! If you are on Facebook or Twitter (or any other relevant local social media network) please help us to spread the word to get a good crowd tomorrow: <https://www.facebook.com/events/785942581518608/> and [@hymusicfest](https://twitter.com/hymusicfest)

I am sorry we did not include last week's SuperStars in the newsletter. Here they are!

Class	Well done to last week's Superstars who were chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	<b>Eva</b> always tries her best and has a positive attitude to learning. <b>Dilraaj</b> has been following instructions and being kind.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Violet</b> always behaves well and does her best.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Milo</b> has made fantastic progress.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Melita</b> has worked hard and made excellent progress with maths. <b>Adam</b> made excellent progress in reading and comprehension.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Djanjo</b> is always enthusiastic about all subjects.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Tom</b> and <b>Olivia</b> have sustained very high levels of effort throughout the year and are top role models to their class.
Y6 (Amazon)	Were not in this assembly.

**Citizen of the Week** was Fred in Year 3 who was nominated for being an outstanding friend to others by Noah, helping classmates with their learning and playing really good games at lunchtime that he is happy to let others play.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	<b>Isabella</b> is very enthusiastic about writing.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>George</b> has settled in well at Shire Oak.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Stanley</b> has worked hard in swimming. <b>Alexander</b> has challenged himself each week in swimming.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Ella</b> is consistently showing a great attitude to her learning.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Rean</b> is improving his behaviour by being more respectful to all adults in class.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Siraj</b> for demonstrating a great attitude and giving top effort in class.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Madison</b> demonstrated a mature enthusiasm during the Egyptian workshop.

I sincerely hope to see most of you tomorrow at our music festival and summer fair. We have contingency plans (and marquees!) in the case of wet weather so the show will go on! It will be great to see the children showcasing their hard work and enjoying the day. Have a great weekend.

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## Checklist

- **Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**
  - All of **Year 4** playing the djembe at 12 o'clock at the Music Festival mainstage (meet from 11:50 at the side of the stage)
  - **Whole school Big Sing** at 2pm at the festival (with other Headingley schools, meet at 13:50 at the side of the stage)
  - **Rock School** has one or two places left – turn up at 12 (Y5 classroom) to ensure a place (KS2 and up)
  - If your child has a slot on the Café Stage (in the hall) please make sure they turn up in time to perform! (10 minutes before)

## DIARY DATES

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	* Dan Hardy from Leeds Rhinos. Special assembly and coaching sessions.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 special visitor – Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell 9:30am.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 trio to Magna for Extreme Earth topic
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class to Beckett's University Discovery Garden
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurses visiting Year 6
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	* Cheap tickets available for the rugby match at Headingley. See letter for details.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reception class trip to Tropical World
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 rugby tournament at Woodlesford Primary School after school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 to Leeds City museum (Egyptians)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Open Gardens – we are on the trail! 2pm-5pm.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day – children will meet their new teachers for September.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre (Egyptians topic)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Community Week including the Listening Yurt and painting the shed at HEART
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Days times tbc
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Leeds Listening Yurt comes to our school.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day 9am approx (tbc)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Elephants Tea Party and activity day (loss & bereavement)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal for the other classes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	School disco? Tbc-We will have a disco before Christmas.
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 11 am St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.

\* means added or changed since last newsletter

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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, Janie Percy-Smith [percysmithjanie@gmail.com](mailto:percysmithjanie@gmail.com) (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

**#hymusicfest for your photos and tweets about  
the festival please!**