



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. It has been great to hear the children's news and see them getting back into the rhythm of school life again. During the holidays I came in a number of times to check how the new **A Camps** playscheme was going and I was impressed – certainly the children seemed happy and engaged with a lot of choice over what they did. The feedback I have had from parents and carers so far has been positive and helpful, so do let me know of any more as we work with ACES to craft the offer for Easter.

As part of teaching children to keep themselves safe, we work with the **NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe** programme. All classes completed online sessions and Y2, Y5 and Y6 had in-person workshops this week that they engaged very well with.

Well done to our **football team** that played valiantly yesterday. This was a home game (but Lawnswood School kindly lend us their larger, less soggy pitch) against Ireland Wood, who are always strong opponents. We scored a great two goals... although unfortunately they scored more than that. Thank you to Mr Chris Marshall and student teacher Miss Megan Sumner for taking the team.



It was lovely to see so many of you this morning at **Stay and Play**. It was particularly good to kick off our preparations for **World Book Day** by collecting long lists of all the things that children read at home and at school. KS2 children will be bringing home a log for them to collect the same information, that Year 6 will be analysing from Monday. Please make sure you have seen the letter from Mr Alun Davies about World Book Day so that you know what is going on, particularly on the day itself. **Wednesday: bring in a book to swap. Thursday: Dress up day.**

Hopefully you have also seen my letter about **Shire Oak Sunday** this weekend. All our families are very welcome to join in the all-age service at St Michael's Church at 10am.

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to check their children's **hair** during half term. I have attached to this newsletter a leaflet about accessing free treatment products from the pharmacy, should they be needed. (We know the chemists opposite the stadium definitely participates in the scheme, but others should too.)

It is a little last minute (submissions close on Wednesday next week) but we have registered for the **Royal Academy's Summer Show**. Any pupils who want to enter to have their work shown by the Royal Academy (online and/or at a gallery) can ask their parent/carer to submit it as our school is now on their list.

Well done to our Y4 djembe players who have been awarded the **debut star** award by Artforms.



Have a lovely weekend and see some of you on **Sunday**.

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DIARY DATES

Sunday 1 st March	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am
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Monday 2 nd March	*	Michael Rosen livestream book event (Global Food Stories) for KS2
Tuesday 3 rd March		Y1 trip to Temple Newsam
Wednesday 4 th March	*	Bring in a book to swap ready for tomorrow (children will write recommendations)
Thursday 5 th March		World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as a favourite character.
6 th to 15 th March		British Science Week (we extend this for the fortnight)
Monday 9 th March		Y6 trip to see The Wiz at Lawnswood School
Wednesday 11 th March		French Day in school
Wednesday 11 th March	*	3D Printing sessions in school
Thursday 12 th March	*	Y3 trip to Discovery Centre
Monday 16 th March	*	Y6 Pizza Club starts (each Monday for the next few weeks)
Monday 16 th March	*	Y5 football team
16 th - 20 th March		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 18 th March		Virtual Reality workshops
Thursday 19 th March		Eid ul Fitr assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! TBC
Thursday 19 th March		Y3 Sports Festival am
Monday 23 rd March		Y6 Tag Rugby at Kirkstall pm
Monday 23 rd March	*	Football team
23 rd March onwards		Class visits to St Michael's to explore Easter story begin
Wednesday 25 th March		Parents and Carers' Evening (appointments this week or next week)
Friday 27 th March		FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
Tuesday 31 st March		Y3/4 Easter production (dress rehearsal to the school)
Wednesday 1 st April		Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers in the morning
Wednesday 1 st April		Parents and Carers' Evening.
Thursday 2 nd April		TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Saturday 4 th April	*	Celebrate Easter together event at St Michaels 12-4pm
3 rd to 17 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY School closed to children. A Camps will run a holiday playscheme here at Shire Oak.
22 nd and 23 rd April		D:Side workshops about medicines, drugs and alcohol safety
Friday 24 th April		Vaisakhi Assembly 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 29 th April		Swimming at Scott Hall starts TBC
Friday 1 st May		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 4 th May		BANK HOLIDAY School closed to children
7 th to 8 th May		Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 th May		Y5 trip to waste recycling plant
w/c/ 11 th May		KS2 SATS week. As these are statutory, please avoid planned appointments, etc.
Friday 15 th May		Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 18 th May		Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 20 th May		Multicultural picnic after school TBC
Friday 22 nd May		FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y6 this time please)
25 th to 29 th May		HALF TERM School closed to children. There will be a holiday playscheme.
Monday 1 st June		Green Week including Road Safety
Wednesday 3 rd June		Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 3 rd June		RSE parents meeting for Y5/6 (optional) 5pm TBC
Thursday 4 th June		Class photos
Friday 5 th June		Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 9 th June		Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June		TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 th June		Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes for HYMF
Friday 12 th June		FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 th June		Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Thursday 18 th June		New Reception parents meeting am and evening TBC
Saturday 20 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF) 12-4pm. All our children are in the choir and many will be in other performances. We host and run this event for the community, which incorporates our summer fair. Please avoid booking birthday parties, etc. on this day.
Friday 26 th June		Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 30 th June	*	Y1 and Y6 trip to Filey (returning after end of the school day) TBC

Wednesday 1 st July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Thursday 2 nd July	Music Recitals and 9:15 and 2pm. TBC
Monday 6 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 7 th July	YR/1/2 Sports Day c. 9:15am
Tuesday 7 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to rest of school
Wednesday 15 th July	Y5/6 production pm and evening (ticketed entrance to one of the shows)
Wednesday 15 th July	Teachers available after school to drop in and discuss end of year reports
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.
DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates	

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.



Celebrate Easter Together!



Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt,
Craft Activities & Bulb Planting

£5 per family! All Ages Welcome!



St. Michael's Church, Headingley.

Saturday, April 4th | 12pm-4pm

Bring your friends and neighbours

Let's grow flowers - let's grow joy together!

www.stmichaelsheadingley.org