

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for the kind donations of food and other necessities that were brought to school for our **Harvest Festival**. We have already heard back from Rainbow Junktion, who said: Many, many thanks for our harvest gifts and donations. The stockroom was running very low today and Shire Oak's contribution has made a massive difference. Food sent from the angels! Many thanks. PAFRAS have also been to collect their half of the donations and were also very pleased to have food to share with the families they support. Thanks also to the friends and family who joined us this morning for a packed-out assembly to share our learning about harvest festivals and say thank you for the food we enjoy.



We would also like to say thank you to **Lawnswood School** who sent one of their specialist maths teachers last week to set up a special afternoon of maths puzzles for Year 5. This is an annual visit that they make and a great way for our children to start learning that secondary school teachers are also lovely and kind too! (We are particularly grateful that they didn't cancel the visit even though they were being inspected by Ofsted that day. We are glad the inspection went well for them and that they didn't need Mr Smith that afternoon!)

On Thursday Year 6 enjoyed a special **Viking Day** with a visiting expert who brought artefacts, sagas and lots of information. Some of the children got particularly into the spirit and came to school in Viking attire! Very impressive.



Year 3 enjoyed a trip to **Harlow Carr** this week and we enjoyed hearing about what they had learned which built on some of the learning they have been doing in Forest School.



Thank you Preston Baker estate agents for a **donation of some lovely books** for our school library!

FOSOPS (our PTA) have been busy collecting, washing and sorting school uniform and would love you to take some of it home! They will be having a **uniform sale** before school on Wednesday morning, out in the playground. The sale is 'pay as you feel' and is a good way to stock up on multiple items to help make the school week a little easier. (If you can't get to the sale on Wednesday, you can send a message to FOSOPS with your uniform requests. At least one of the parents/carers in your child's class will be involved in FOSOPS and will be able to pass a message on.) Any money raised by FOSOPS is used to support the school. At the moment they are raising money to develop our outside areas – particularly the playground.

There is a good chance tomorrow to get to know other families in our school community. The weather forecast is good for our annual **Woodland Walk**. We will meet at the school gates at 12 and take a walk onto Woodhouse Ridge with some simple activities to do together. We will then head back to school for sausage rolls/veggie rolls and drinks. New Reception families often particularly enjoy this free event, but all Shire Oak families are welcome!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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All Shire Oak Children & Families Welcome

WOODLAND WALK

12 noon | Sat 7th Oct



**Meet at the school gates for a walk and
activities on The Ridge**

**Refreshments after provided by
Friends of Shire Oak Primary School (FOSOPS)**

DIARY DATES

Saturday 7 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk. (This is a great welcome event for new families, particularly our Reception Class.)
Saturday 7 th October	Carr Manor Open Day 10am to 1pm
Wednesday 11 th October *	New to you school uniform sale before school in the playground
Thursday 12 th October	Netball match after school
Thursday 12 th October *	Football match after school TBC
Thursday 12 th October	Abbey Grange Open Evening. Letter to Y6 parents.
Friday 13 th October	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y3 friends and family welcome!
w/c 16 th October	Year 2 trip to the Railway Museum, TBC
Monday 16 th October	Tennis day in school
Tuesday 17 th October	Cross-Country festival in Otley (a team from Y4) pm
Tuesday 17 th October	Y5 online Anglo Saxons experience
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 19 th October	Nasal flu immunisations
Thursday 19 th October *	House Team Hobby Half Day in the afternoon (British Library project)
Monday 23 rd October	Leeds United working with Y6 from 9:30am TBC
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 24 th October *	Year 2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 26 th October	FOSOPS hot chocolate and cake sale after school in the hall, TBC
Friday 27 th October	TRAINING DAY. School is closed to children. Staff will be doing training in school.
<p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. School is closed to children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art Camp will be running a holiday club https://www.artcampuk.com</p>	
Thursday 9 th November	Homework due in for Years 1 to 6. (See leaflet for confirmation).
Friday 10 th November	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
13 th – 24 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight. Includes drama workshops (KS2) on the 13 th
w/c 13 th November	YR trip to Pizza Express TBC
Friday 17 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school in the grounds.
27 th November onwards	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
Tuesday 28 th November	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church TBC
Friday 1 st December	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
4 th to 6 th December	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Wednesday 6 th December	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom TBC
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 th and 15 th December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Wed 13 th December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Thursday 14 th December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 th December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25th to Fri 5th January.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church that many of our children enjoy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School is closed to children. Art Camp are measuring demand for a holiday club. Fill in their survey here.</p>	
Thursday 11 th January	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
7 th - 9 th February 2024	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.

Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Y3 Stone Age trip to the Discovery Centre
18 th to 20 th March *	Class visits to St Michael's to learn about the Easter story
Sunday 28 th April 2024 *	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Thursday 20 th June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Monday 24 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
TERM DATES: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar	

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



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