



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a gloriously sunny – and still busy – week! Despite the day off (for children) in the middle of the week we have still packed in trips, a music recital, sports fixtures and lots of learning indoors and outdoors.

Thank you to everyone who sent in prizes for the raffle or tombola in return for children wearing non-uniform today. It turned out to be a good way to wear summery clothes! The prizes will be used at **Headingley Youth Music Festival**, which is coming up at the end of next week – Saturday 25th June from 12-4pm. Although it is an event for the whole community, it is organised and run by Shire Oak and is also our summer fair and the main event of FOSOP's year. We hope to see everyone there. All the children are included in the choir that are practising 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams, Year 4 will be kicking the event off by playing their djembes at 12 and there will be plenty to do for the whole family. It would help the event to run smoothly if we had as many volunteers as possible and the more parents that help the shorter the shifts are! (Apart from food serving, children are fine to stay with you or use you as a base if you are on a stall.)

On the subject of parent volunteering, thank you to Sarah, one of our parents, who has been running **art club** after school this term. The artwork the children have been making has been lovely and they have had a great time. Here are some of their stunning mosaics. Another parent, Becky, has been using her nursing skills and knowledge to help children in Reception Class learn about having **healthy tummies and healthy poos!** Thank you for a great session and the information to share with families. In Multicultural Arts and Faith Week next week I know some of our parents are coming in to read to classes in their home language and participate in other ways and we are always grateful for family support.



The plans for next week's **Multicultural Arts and Faith Week** are looking very exciting and include visits to places of worship, interesting visitors coming to school and class-based activities. There will be the opportunity for families to spend time in school next week, with their children, enjoying a social time with our community on Wednesday. Everyone is invited to a **multicultural family picnic** straight after school. We would love it if you could send in food that day which is from your culture or from a food culture you enjoy. We will put it out in the afternoon, ready for the event, so bringing it in the morning or dropping it off during the day would be very helpful. (It would also be helpful if it was labelled with the name of the food, where it is from, and any allergens – if that is possible. We know that families of children with allergies are always great at sending in extra sealed, labelled food that we know will be fine for them.) During the picnic there will be a chance for families to interact with our **memory table**. Based loosely on the Ofrenda project that we participated in a few years ago, we will be making our own table of objects, pictures, etc. that represent memories for us. This can often be a good way for children to process loss and grief, so bringing a packet of Great Granny's favourite sweets, a photo taken on holiday with uncle, a former pet's collar, a keepsake from an event in the past, etc. would be very helpful. We always handle this sensitively and find that children make very good use of this opportunity to think and talk about grief and loss in a very healthy way. If you think that this may bring up feelings for children that we don't already know about, please do tell Mr Nash or the class teacher. On Friday we'll be dressing up.



Reception Class enjoyed their very first school **trip to Harewood House** this week. They were excited to see the birds and take part in the planned activities as well as travel by coach and eat lunch together outside. They behaved beautifully and there were some very sleepy pupils on the journey back to school!

Year 2 also enjoyed a trip this week and were a credit to school as they navigated busy service buses and a **Golden Acre park** full of people from across generations (and their dogs) enjoying the dry weather to have fun, look after each other and learn together. They roleplayed different parts of a tree, made bark rubbings, played hide and seek and kick rounders and identified trees by their leaves. (And definitely enjoyed their pack up too!) More photos overleaf.





Here are some team photos from the **girls' tag rugby tournament** organised by Leeds Rhinos at Crawshaw High School in Pudsey. They played four games against other local schools, losing the first game, listening to advice and reflecting on their own experiences, improving as they went along and winning the last game. Edie E was a great captain and Emily S and Cora particularly stood out with their agile running and intelligent passing.



Have a lovely weekend.

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Wednesday 22nd June after school

FAMILY PICNIC and MEMORY TABLE in Multicultural Arts and Faith Week

Friday 24th June

MULTICULTURAL DRESS UP DAY. Wear something that represents part of your culture or a culture you feel connected to. This could be a national costume, Scout, Guide or Woodcraft uniform, sports kit, etc.

Saturday 25th June 12-4pm

HEADINGLEY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL (and our summer fair)

All children are singing, many are performing and Year 4 are playing the djembe.

Tuesday 28th June after school

RUGBY EVENT and BBQ after school

DIARY DATES

20 th to 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week Monday 20 th – Y1/2 trip to Makkah Mosque / Tuesday 21 st – Y3/4 trip to Sinai Synagogue Wednesday 22 nd – Y6 trip to Mandir temple in Hyde Park / Thursday 23 rd – Y5 to Sikh Temple in Chapelton Family Picnic – straight after school hall and field. Please contribute food from your culture or a culture you enjoy, if you can. Friday – round the world music performance in school by Trio Globo
Tuesday 21 st June	Rugby at Kirkstall
Tuesday 21 st June	Meetings for Reception Class 2022 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community: it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities & other music-making 12-4pm
Tuesday 29 th June	* YAMSEN music event

Tuesday 28 th June	After school sports event to raise money for Rob Burrows' Motor Neuron Disease Centre
Wednesday 29 th June *	Year 5 basketball tournament (walking) in the afternoon
Thursday 30 th June	Year 5/6 trip to Filey
Tuesday 5 th July *	Year 4 trip to the park
Thursday 14 th July	Year 1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (this is instead of Filey)
Friday 15 th July *	Year 5/6 Sports Day in the afternoon c.1:20pm (some Y5/6 days have changed due to high school transition days)
Monday 18 th July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning c.9:20am
Monday 18 th July *	Year 5 and 6 production to school in the afternoon
Monday 18 th July *	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening 6pm
Tuesday 19 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm c.1:20pm
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 th and 26 th July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 th July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
SUMMER HOLIDAY. From the 25 th July Art Camp run holidays activities on our site. https://www.artcampuk.com/ We have some free places for families in need – contact us.	
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	

COME TO SHIRE ROB BURROW FUND RAISING EVENT!!!!

Where we will be trying to raise money for the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neuron Disease Research

The event will take place on Tuesday 28th June and will start at 1:20pm and end at 5pm

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE

- Score a try past a Rhinos player/teacher/skin Oak player.
- Kick a conversion over the posts
- Coffee with sporting gear
- Food and Drink
- Second hand sportswear sale
- Large at the tackle post.



HEADINGLEY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

Saturday 25th June 12-4pm
in the grounds of Shire Oak Primary School

**LIVE MAINSTAGE
MUSIC WORKSHOPS INCL. DIGITAL MUSIC
STORYTELLING
CIRCUS SKILLS & BOUNCY CASTLES
BBQ & REFRESHMENTS
ALL THE FUN OF A SUMMER FAIR**

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