



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Although every week at Shire Oak features a lot of writing, this week it has been the main theme. During **Writing Week** we have enjoyed spending extra time on our writing and on ways to be inspired to write. Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed the Windrush book, *Mama Sugar Falling Down* by Trish Cooke with extra content by *Alive and Kicking*. Classes have enjoyed visits from **Andy Craven-Griffiths**, a poet who makes the children laugh as well as be excited by the power of words (photos overleaf). Children have had additional sessions in the library with Janie, researching topics they are interested in using our great range of non-fiction books. Our last pupil survey told us that the children like spending time on poetry, so there was also a poetry day this week. The writing our children have produced this week has been of a very high standard and I look forward to our sharing assemblies later on today where we will hear more of the children's poetry.

Giving them plenty to write about, three classes had special trips this week. Year 1 and Year 2 (accompanied by many of our school staff) enjoyed a warm day at the beach in Filey. The children played happily on the sand (and in the sand) and loved paddling in the sea. One group of paddlers even saw a seal just a little way away from us! Year 3 used their



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geographical knowledge and their leg muscles to enjoy a day at Otley Chevin and Almscliffe Crag finding out about the geological features of the rocks and landscape.

Today you should receive a letter about **Sports Days** and the coloured tops that children can wear. We had very much hoped to invite parents to watch, particularly as outdoor events are the least risk for COVID transmission. However, with the current rules of gatherings of 30 and track and trace requirements still in place, it would have been logistically very difficult and would have resulted in a very regimented affair, with no access to toilets, no scope for small siblings to wander and the implications of contacting parents to say they have to isolate because they have been in proximity to another parent who subsequently tested positive. We felt that policing all that would detract from the point of the days – to help children to enjoy sport and physical activity, to enjoy competing and taking part and celebrating the progress they have made in athletics this year. As soon as we are able to invite you to be present for such events please be assured we will welcome you back in!



Thank you the parents and music teachers who have been sending me video clips for the **Virtual Music Recital** that we are preparing. There is still time to send me a video of your child introducing and playing a piece of music they have been practising at home or at school.



Natural art made by the UKS2 Young Women's Group

Class	Well done to recent Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Noah challenges himself in his writing. Annabel has made great progress and has a good attitude towards her writing.
Y1 (Nile)	Tessa always tries hard with her writing. Joe has really improved his writing this year.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Etta shows a consistently high standard of writing and planning for writing, across the curriculum. Amelie is Y2's most improved writer and has worked very hard to do this.
Y3 (Rhine)	Harvey has focused and worked hard to improve the limits of his writing this year. Dotty has worked hard and focused on being the best she can be to achieve a consistent high standard of writing.
Y4 (Ganges)	Bella writes creatively in English. She is a great role model for the class. Charlotte has improved her writing and works her hardest. Noah has worked on his handwriting and now writes loads more.
Y5 (Tigris)	Dave has made a great improvement in his writing. Charlie continues with his great work in writing. Edie E writes in an interesting way with good joined up writing. Toma has participated well in PE.
Y6 (Amazon)	Dilraaj has worked hard improving his writing, including his handwriting. James has produced some excellent Y6 writing.
Well done to all the children who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one – a number of children are trying hard to pass the last few targets to travel on before the end of term – please help them practise at home. Special mentions this week to Eli, Sam, Arlo and Bella.	

Have a great weekend.

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Get ready for the autumn term by buying **second hand uniform** now. Donated, washed and sorted by FOSOPS, these good quality 'new to you' items are offered on a pay as you feel basis (cash or bank transfer). If you can't make it to any of the sales (see dates below) then email Liz Craven to place an order: lizc@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Monday 28 th June	Abbey Grange transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 29 th June *	Reception Class New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Tuesday 29 th June	Cardinal Heenan transition day for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 30th June	After School family event including barbecue TBC ☹️
Thursday 1 st July *	Y1 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Thurs 1 st – Fri 2 nd July	Year 6 residential to Waddow Hall.
Thursday 1 st July	Additional drop-in time for new Reception families to visit the classroom, etc. if away earlier
Monday 5 th July *	Role models in sport assembly
Tuesday 6 th July *	Y2 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Tues 6 th & Wed 7 th July	Lawnswood transition days (this may now be one day)
Wednesday 7 th July	Shire Oak transition day including new Reception Stay and Play (& used uniform sale)
Thursday 8 th & 9 th July	Abbey Grange, Ralph Thoresby & Leeds City transition days for Y6 into Y7
Thursday 8 th July	TRAINING DAY – this is the last one to be scheduled this year. We were previously unable to book the training we had planned, which is why this is later notice than usual.
w/c 12 th July	The Scrap Shed should be arriving!
Tuesday 13 th July	(Virtual) visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13 th July	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 am TBC
13 th & 14 th July	Carr Manor transition days for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day pm TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Closing date for Wonder Day competition entries
Thursday 15 th July *	Y3 & Y4 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
14th and 15th July	Prince Henry's transition days for Y6 into Y7
Friday 16 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day am TBC
Friday 16 th July	City of Leeds transition day for Y6 into Y7 (*now virtual)
Monday 19 th July	Prince Henry's transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 20 th July *	Y5 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 5/6 Performances to school (pm) and parents/carers (evening) TBC (Given current prevalence rates and track and trace requirements, this may be livestreamed or recorded)
Thursday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am (for Y6, Y5 and Y6 parents this year)
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term including end of year assembly
Monday 26 th and Tuesday 27 th July	These two days will be taken as Training Days as we have not been able to book our training in person earlier in the year.
(Saturday 31 st July)	Wonder Day at HEART. Our children's competition entries will be displayed
Friday 22 nd October	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Friday 19 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
27 th – 29 th April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.	