



Dear Parents and Carers

# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to everyone who joined us at **Shire Oak Sunday** last weekend. The congregation are always delighted to see our children and their families joining them whether that is singing in the choir, putting on a play or taking part in the worship.

Well done to **Reception Class** for their delightful first ever class assembly. Every child had a part to play and we loved finding out more about their work on polar animals, their reading, writing, counting and creative work indoors and out. Thank you to the staff who helped the children feel so confident and to everyone who joined us to watch.

Thank you **FOSOPS** for organising a new to you school uniform sale this week. The recent cold snap had encouraged them to offer hot chocolate too, but it wasn't actually that cold in the end! If you have ideas about what FOSOPS could be doing for the social and fundraising life of the school, do get in touch to find out about forthcoming meetings and plans.



Year 1 and 2 are currently enjoying a trip to the **Rainbow Factory**. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return this afternoon.

Next week is **Reading Week**. Hopefully you have seen the separate letter about the events organised, but key dates include:

- **Mobile Library and Reading Exchange** after school on Tuesday
- **Dress up** as your favourite character (fiction), personality (non-fiction) or attach writing to your top for others to read on Wednesday
- **Book Exchange** Tuesday

We will also be launching **Reading Bingo** a new way to engage with children's reading at home/out of school.

Thank you to Beth from the Esh Group Construction Company. They are currently building homes in the local area and Beth came to talk to the children about staying safe near building sites and the dangers they contain. She has asked the children to design **Stay Safe** posters at home that can be made into huge signs for their hoardings. The competition will run until the Monday morning after half term. Posters should be bright and colourful, use the words Stay Safe and get across some of the messages she talked about. The slides from her presentation are here <https://tinyurl.com/EshStaySafe> to help with ideas. Please put children's name and year group on the back of the poster. Thank you!

Have a good weekend.

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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 Jane Hincliffe.

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, Julia Kelly [shireoakgovernors@gmail.com](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

**DIARY DATES**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day Wednesday and House Team Hobby Half Day. See separate letter!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School nurses doing health checks for Reception and Year 6
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM Week including Robotics and Geography Focus Day 27 <sup>th</sup> & Escape Rooms on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March *	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale after school (hall)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Focus Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Global Green Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March *	Energy Heroes Workshop in Year 5
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science in School delivered by Leeds University
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March *	Games Night after school TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March *	Philosophy sessions with the university
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March *	Philosophy sessions with the university
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March -Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> /Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC