



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

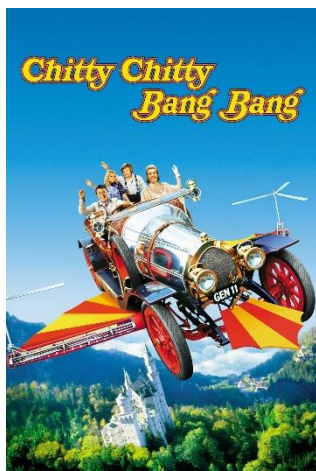
I hope you all had a great **Easter** break and that those of you who celebrated also had a **blessed Eid**. It has been great to see the children this fortnight, hear their news and see them get stuck into their new term's topics. So many of the children were able to tell me about good books they had read during the holiday too, which is excellent. It was also good to see families at **Stay and Play** to catch up informally in the children's learning environment.

I am sure that some of **Year 2** were very tired after their week of daily, **intensive swimming lessons!** There has been a lot to get used to, but we have seen some real improvements in independence, resilience and growth mindset.

Year 3 showed lots of examples of their Shire Oak Christian value 'Trust' as they began the process of learning to use tools safely and effectively in **Forest School**.



Well done to the **netball team** who played in a tournament at Menston St Mary's this week. Thank you to Mrs Sara Mitchell and Miss Lizzie Koerber for taking them.



Book Club enjoyed a trip to historic Armley Mills Museum to watch Chitty Chitty Bang Bang after they finished reading this novel. Thank you to Janie Percy-Smith for running Book Club and organising the trip.

This week we welcomed **D:Side** to lead sessions across school as part of our PSHE curriculum.

These visits are on the theme of medicines, alcohol and drugs and help to equip children to stay safe and make good choices as they grow up.

There has been a fair amount of media coverage recently about **children and mobile phones**. Shire Oak has always been a phone-free school and I am very pleased that parents at our school typically hold off getting their child a phone longer than at some other schools. For our older children who do have a phone (often those who travel independently to school and those wanting to practise phone ownership before secondary school) they are required to put them in a box on arrival

to school. It is then kept in the box until hometime. We believe this it is important for children who do have phones to practise not having access to them so that they can focus on their learning and their play. I know some parents are discussing this issue and joining the national campaigns to delay children’s exposure to smart phones and social media for as long as possible to protect them.

Well done to **Year 2** for a lovely **class assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed their learning about different animals, their food chains and their habitats.



As this letter goes to press a few children from LKS2 are preparing to visit St Michael’s (our Foundation Church) and help with flower arranging for this weekend’s services. Some Year 6s are practising readings because on Sunday morning we are all invited to share in the annual **Shire Oak Sunday** service. Children are welcome to join in with the service and this week they learned an anthem to sing with the choir. Anybody who would like to join us is very welcome. (Please see Monday’s email for details.)

Have a lovely weekend.

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As the weather (finally) improves it is lovely to see families staying and playing before and after school. Please can I remind children playing with a ball to use the sports pitch or the field? Also, half an hour after the end of school (3:45pm) it is very helpful if families remember to move to the front of school so that Acorn Club can use the playground and supervise the children in their care. You are welcome to use the front of school, so long as clubs are given space if needed.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 28 th April	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael’s Church 10am, all welcome to the all-age service
Sunday 28 th April	Leeds Rhinos netball match – tickets available via school
Wednesday 1 st May	Y2 Great Fire of London drama day with Alive and Kicking theatre group
Thursday 2 nd May	LNW Sport
Friday 3 rd May	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All YR friends and family welcome!
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6 th May for one day.	
Sunday 12 th May	Rob Burrows marathon St Michael’s will be open as a base for anyone wanting to watch
Sunday 12 th May *	Thanksgiving Service at Leeds Minster for the Mayor, Al Garthwaite. We are one of two schools invited to come and sing! The service is 5:30-6:30pm but there may be a short rehearsal immediately beforehand. More details to follow.
13 th to 17 th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Friday 17 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!
Friday 17 th May *	YR and Y4 trip to Tropical World
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May. https://artcampuk.com/ will run a playscheme	
3 rd to 7 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed!
Tuesday 4 th June	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June	Y5/6 Girls’ Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm NEW DATE
Wednesday 5 th June	R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 6 th June	Class and staff photo day
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Wednesday 12 th June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June	Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Wednesday 19 th June *	Y3 Egyptian historical artefacts session
Wednesday 19 th June *	Madhatter’s Tea Party school lunch

Thursday 20 th June	New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Friday 21 st June	Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 nd June	Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition day (children meeting their new teachers and visiting new classrooms)
Thursday 4 th July	Music Recital am. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	KS2 webinar with Laura Ellen Anderson to launch the summer reading challenge.
Monday 8 th July	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm NEW DATE
Tuesday 9 th July *	Paris Olympics Day at Guiseley – group from Y4
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July	Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July	Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' trip
SUMMER HOLIDAY. Art Camp are running a playscheme on our site during the holidays. https://artcampuk.com/	
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.

JOIN THE WEETWOOD BLAZE!



Headingley girls' football club now recruiting players from ages 7 - 12*

Weetwood Blaze is a Headingley football club for girls. We're FA affiliated and are now recruiting players ready to enter leagues in September.

First-time footballers very welcome - we emphasise fun, friendship and team spirit!

*age as of 31st August 2024

TRAINING: FRIDAYS AT 4PM • MATCHES: SATURDAY AM
at Weetwood Sports Park Home and away





To register interest, please email Will Rowson:
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