



Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy week here at Shire Oak! This week we have had a very busy **Open Morning and Open Evening**. Thank you very much to the wonderful Year 6 ambassadors who toured the prospective parents around school and talked to them about how we learn at Shire Oak. What was lovely to hear was how many of our visitors came along with positive expectations because of the conversations they have had with you, their neighbours and friends. Current parents are also always



welcome to these events as there aren't many opportunities to see the whole of the school at work on a normal day! The next one is on the 7<sup>th</sup> January.



Thank you to **Year 5** for their lovely, self-penned **sharing assembly** yesterday. We enjoyed their demonstrations of tricky grammar, interesting history of Headingley, their science experiments, Art Deco art and much more. I hope that the Maths Passport quiz they set the audience wasn't too traumatic! Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to join us.

This week we have had a big focus on **spelling**. We had a very special Spelling Bee assembly on Wednesday. The children sat in House Teams and each year group had a spelling contest. With one representative at the front for each House Team, they were challenged to spell key words for their year group. To help them the whole school had brought their whiteboards with them and were quickly writing the words to hold up and help their teammates. It was a fun event that helped children to think about the importance and fun of learning to spell words correctly.

Reception Words	Y1 words	Y2 words	Y3 words	Y4 words	Y5 words	Y6 words
<b>and</b>	<b>they</b>	<b>little</b>	<b>breathe</b>	<b>surprise</b>	<b>accompany</b>	<b>immediately</b>
<b>pen</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>spoil</b>	<b>disappear</b>	<b>accidentally</b>	<b>possession</b>	<b>temperature</b>
<b>book</b>	<b>sister</b>	<b>people</b>	<b>particular</b>	<b>knowledge</b>	<b>convenience</b>	<b>accommodation</b>

Thank you to Mr Martin for organising the event and to our excellent scorer from Y3 who kept admirable control of the tallies.

The final scores were:

Rhinos	45
Leopards	41
Elephants	25
Lions	
Giraffes	13



Thank you also to all the teachers and to the parents who came **after school on Wednesday** to find out about ways the children are learning their spellings. I hope it was helpful.

Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who came this week to **Stay and Play** in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

# Make a NOISE about bullying

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

have joined in with this year's theme of 'Make a Noise About Bullying!' by having a special Mexican Wave of whistle blowing in the playground. Hopefully their whistle will remind children that we always tell if we know about bullying... and if it isn't sorted out we keep telling. Please remind the children that the **Worry Box** is a great way to let us know that something isn't just a one-off but is something that is happening again and again and making them upset.

I hope you have a great weekend.

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Finally, this week we have also taken part in the national **Anti Bullying Fortnight**. We will talk more about it next week, but we have started making sure children know **what bullying is, what bullying isn't** and **what we do about bullying – tell!** All the children will be invited to sign up to our annual Anti Bullying Charter which we display in the hall as a reminder. This year to help the children understand the issues we hosted a special theatre production called 'Bullied' that was enjoyed by Years 2-6 with a useful follow up workshop for Years 3-6. This afternoon we



## Did you know?

That our annual **Winter Festival of Fire** started as a way to raise awareness and money for our outdoor curriculum. It was so popular we have kept it ever since!

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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) Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

**Winter Festival of Fire 2015 on Wednesday after school. All welcome!**



From the show 'Bullied!'

### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Festival of Fire, straight after school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December *	Carol Singing at Grove Court, pm.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 5
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing at Victoria Court, a.m.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativity productions.
9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood, Todmorden.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> December *	Carol singing, Wheatfields Hospice, pm.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service, 10:30am. St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Discos. KS1: 4:30 – 5:30 and KS2 5:45 – 6:45
21 <sup>st</sup> December – 1 <sup>st</sup> January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	TRAINING DAY – TBC
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January *	Y1 and Y2 special session with Leeds Trampolining Club
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January *	Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Football Match Shire Oak v Weetwood - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week. TBC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class



Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.

\* means added or changed since last newsletter

TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change



Child friendly Headingley are having a meeting to discuss its priorities and consider wishes such as a playground for the local area. Do join them!