



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

**Thank you** to our parents and carers for their support this week providing treats for the bun sale and supporting Year 4 this morning in their class assembly. We very much enjoyed hearing about Lineham Farm and their work with computers. Thanks also to those members of FOSOPS (staff and parents) who ran our uniform sale on Friday or who came to buy second-hand uniform. Being able to reuse school uniform is a good way for us to help prevent clothes going to landfill and to get good use out of them. We will be selling it again at the events for new Reception parents and we would appreciate volunteers who could come and be a friendly face staffing the stall on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please let us know if you could be persuaded to help us out!

Another opportunity to support the school is coming up soon. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May we are holding our next **Groundforce Day**. There are plenty of tidying, sorting, weeding, pruning, gardening and ground clearing jobs to be done. If you have gloves and tools to add to our stock then please do. We will work from 11 am to 2pm with a well deserved free barbecue from about 1:30pm for all volunteers. These are usually fun days and we invite as many people as possible to come and join us whatever the weather.

I trust that all parents in Years 1 to 6 received their **child's termly report** this week. Please do ask us if there is anything in them that does not make sense or that is concerning. Children in Reception Class have their Learning Diaries that can be read at any time by a parent or carer. If you have any observations to add please let us know, email or jot them down. As you know, we do not spend much time in our Early Years setting working with computers, so if you have any evidence for the Technology assessment we have to make, that would be helpful. (This includes cameras, games, etc.)

Also this week you should have received our annual **Parents and Carers' Survey**. This survey helps us to decide our priorities for the coming school year as well as letting us know how we are getting on in our work to continually improve our school. Please do take the time to fill it in online or on paper – we do value your feedback and the data we get from the surveys is skewed if it does not come from the majority of families.

We are now starting to pull together our plans for **Headingley Youth Music Festival 2018**. Inspired by 250 years of the modern circus in Britain and a recent, popular film, the theme this year is *The Greatest Show* and as well as music performances, activities, workshops, our summer fair and usual offerings there will be the chance to learn circus skills as well.



As the adults in Leeds prepare to vote in the local council elections, our children are also continuing to exercise their **democratic rights** in school. To ensure that our School Council takes account of the widest range of views possible, children meet in their House Teams to discuss issues and feedback their minutes to School Council for further consideration. These were the topics for discussion last week:

- Ideas for Learning through Sport Fortnight.
- Best things about After School and Lunchtime Clubs in 2017 – 2018 so far. Are there any other clubs we want or anything else we can improve?
- What do we think about school dinners and packed lunches?
  - What is good?
  - What could be even better?



I hope you have a great 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 Hinchliffe.

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.)



## SMS Target Open Day

Saturday 12 May 2018 11:00am-1:30pm

### *Free Instrument Loan, Reduced Fees and Discretionary Bursaries available*

Dear Parent/Carer,

Is your child interested in learning an instrument? Saturday Music School at Leeds College of Music is running a course called **SMS Target** in partnership with Leeds Music Education Partnership. The course provides high-quality music tuition for children between the ages of 9 and 12 years.

Lessons are available for the following instruments: oboe, bassoon, viola, cello, double bass, trombone and tuba. Instruments for children attending a Leeds School or Academy are available to borrow free of charge from ArtForms.

Children who join SMS Target will benefit from a carefully designed morning of music making including lessons, workshops, and ensembles, all whilst having fun, building confidence and making new friends. Lessons run from 10:00am - 12:45pm on Saturdays during term time.

For students attending a state school or academy in Leeds, there is a 50% reduction in fees (actual amount payable £22 per month over 10 months). Fees can be paid in instalments and discretionary bursaries are available. In addition, there are a number of scholarships available for children who show particular musical talent but whose families might find the cost of fees difficult to meet.

We are offering an open day on Saturday 12 May 2018 for families who think they might be interested in joining us. During the open day, you and your child will be able to experience a taster workshop, meet the staff and students, and have a tour of the fantastic facilities on offer. To book your place, please visit our website <https://www.lcm.ac.uk/courses/junior-lcom/sms-target-9-12-years/>.

We look forward to seeing you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K P Gourlay'.

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## DIARY DATES

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| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May   | Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Y3 trip to Temple Newsam   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May  | Deadline for returning the parents' survey <a href="http://bit.ly/ShireOakParentsSurvey2018">http://bit.ly/ShireOakParentsSurvey2018</a> |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May school closed for the bank holiday.                                  |  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May   | Y4 trip to Temple Newsam   |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | KS2 SATs week for Year 6.  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May  | * Royal Wedding themed school lunch  |
| Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May   | Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day. Please note change of date due to FA Cup and Royal Wedding street parties.                     |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)  |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards TBC  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival   |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June school closed for May half term holiday |  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | Class, team and group photo day  |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June   | Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm   |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | Geography Mapping Week   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June   | New Reception Parents meetings (morning and evening)   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June   | Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June  | Danish storytelling and music in conjunction with Headingley Music Festival (Y5)   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June  | Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June   | Reception trip to Harewood House TBC   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June   | Movie Night  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June   | TRAINING DAY school closed to children   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June  | Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June   | Temple Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)   |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June  | Ralph Thoresby transition days (Y7 in 2018)  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!   |
| w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> July  | Carr Manor transition day this week, TBC (Y7 in 2018)  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July  | Transition day   |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | Lawnswood School transition days (Y7 in 2018)  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July   | Allerton High transition day (Y7 in 2018)  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July   | Give out reports to parents this week.   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July   | Abbey Grange transition day (Y7 in 2018)   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | Cardinal Heenan transition day (Y7 in 2018)  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Corpus Christi transition day (Y7 in 2018)   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Leeds City Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July  | Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y3/4 Sports Day  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | Y5/6 Sports Day  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July   | Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day   |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July  | * Bikeability training for Year 6. Start practising riding now so you are confident to learn to go out on the roads with the tutors.     |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July  | New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school  |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July   | Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July   | Last day of term before the summer holiday   |

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change