



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 15
6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see the children after the Christmas break and to hear about their holidays. It has also been great to see some of you this morning at **Stay and Play**.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were willing to speak to the **SIAMS** inspector when we were visited just before Christmas. I am pleased to say that the report is now published and it says lots of lovely things about our school. Please find attached a copy of the **report**.

We know that children may have received **new technology** or games for Christmas and this may lead them to interacting online in ways that they haven't previously been interested in. We subscribe to a **monthly newsletter** (attached) to help parents keep up to date with the risks and benefits of different apps and other online technology. In school we remind children that they should be e-kind, e-safe and their e-best online just as they would be in real life. You can remind them of the work they have done with **d:side** on staying safe online too.

At the beginning of the week UKHSA provided a press release regarding back to school advice amid high levels of flu, Covid-19 and scarlet fever being experienced across the country [Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever). We continue to ventilate and wash hands in school too!

Have a great weekend!

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Find out more about how we teach maths in Reception Class. Please watch the video we send out and then we will host a short question and answer session on Zoom on Wednesday afternoon at 2:15pm. (We will be finished in time for you to do the school run!)

We are learning to
Be **e-Kind**
Be **e-Safe**
Be our **e-Best**



If you see something that upsets you, turn over the tablet and tell an adult straight away.

DIARY DATES

Wed 11th January	YR How we teach maths meeting, 2:15pm.
Thursday 12th January	Open Morning for prospective parents.
Thursday 12th January	Group to attend Youth Summit in the Civic Hall and museum TBC
Friday 13th January	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 19th January	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 2nd February	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 20th January	Local MP Alex Sobel visiting Y2
Tuesday 24th January	Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York
Friday 27th January	Lunar New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 30th January	Water safety assemblies by the Canals and Rivers Trust
Tuesday 7th February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8th to 10th February	Y4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
Thursday 9th February	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13th to 17th February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21st February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall
Monday 27th February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3rd March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Wednesday 8th March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 8th March	Movie Nights TBC Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9th March. School closed to pupils.	
13th to 17th March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)

Wednesday 15 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 th March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 th March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Wednesday 22 nd March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 th March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 th March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 th March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening
27 th to 29 th March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 rd April to 14 th April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 th April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Sunday 23 rd April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Wednesday 26 th April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 th April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 st May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 th May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th -9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.
Wednesday 17 th May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 th to 19 th May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 nd to 26 th May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	
5 th to 9 th June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 13 th June *	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 16 th June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Saturday 24 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	Y2 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
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.



Year 4 visited **Grove Park Care Home** before Christmas to sing carols, give their homemade Christmas cards and join the residents for craft activities. They were each treated to a visit with this chap!