



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Welcome to a new school year! It has been lovely to see all the children smart and excited to see their friends and very ready to impress their new teachers, which they have been doing. We have enjoyed hearing their news and finding out what they are most excited about learning this year and what they feel more ready to tackle and improve as well.

Welcome to the **new families** joining us this week in Reception Class and across school. The children have all done very well finding out about life at Shire Oak, making new friends and learning how we do things here. This week **Reception Class** have been just staying for the morning, and today they are also staying for their lunch for the first time (with an adult if they would like.) From next week they will be joining us for the whole day, every day. The children in Reception Class are given **buddies** from Year 6 who help them particularly at lunchtimes to manage their trays, to make sure they find their way back afterwards and play together if the Reception children want to. (Children joining in other classes will also have a buddy to help them in the first few days, but often choose their own friends to ask for help.)

Well done to all our children who had work displayed as part of **Wonder Day** at Headingley HEART that will have been seen by over 250 people. I am pleased to say that we had a number of **winners!**



In the Reception to Year 2 age group: 3rd Myla 2nd Alek 1st Raphe

In the KS2 age group: 3rd Mason 2nd Elsie 1st Lily Rose
Some of the winners collected their prizes on the day, the others will be delivered to school very soon. Thank you to Child Friendly Headingley for arranging this.

Susan Koyuncu in the office has asked me to let you know that **school dinners** will cost £91.20 this half term for children in Years 3-6. (Children in Reception to Year 2 continue to receive them for free.)

I am looking forward to next week already.

Have a good weekend!

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PS Our PTA (**FOSOPS**) have their first meeting on Tuesday next week at the start of the day. All welcome!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11 th September	*	FOSOPS meeting, 9am in the Community Room. All welcome!
Monday 17 th September	*	Transition meetings with Y3 parents after school (this is a rescheduled date) Please book slots with Ian Martin
Monday 17 th September	*	Transition meeting for Y1 parents, 5:30pm.
17 th – 21 st September	*	After school activity clubs start this week
Wednesday 19 th September	*	Meeting for parents about Y6 Robinwood residential 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 th September	*	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Wednesday 26 th September	*	Meeting for Reception Class about phonics for reading and writing. 6pm. TBC
Thursday 5 th October	*	Harvest Festival – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall. We welcome donations of non-perishable food for local food banks and PAFRAS.
Friday 5 th October		Training Day – school closed to children
Saturday 6 th October	*	FOSOPS Autumn Activity Day and Woodland Walk TBC
Wednesday 10 th October	*	Individual and sibling school photo day (photos back in good time for Christmas)
Friday 12 th October	*	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 12 th October	*	Headingley Hawks Rugby to see Year 6 girls at 2pm
Tue 16 th & Wed 17 th October	*	Parent and Carers Evenings – all families will receive an appointment. Y5 & Y6 children very welcome to attend with their adults. Appointment letter sent separately.
w/c 22 nd October	*	Internet Safety Week including parent information event (TBC – on 26 th ?)
Friday 26 th October	*	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November	*	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone are running an October Playscheme each day from 8:30-5:30am. All children welcome. £21 per day (late bookings £23) To register and book please call 07708879920 or 07847442492. Closing date 5 th October.
Friday 9 th November	*	Divali Assembly – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall
12 th – 23 rd November	*	Anti Bullying Fortnight
Tuesday 13 th November	*	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Tuesday 13 th November	*	Open Evening for prospective parents, 6pm.
Wednesday 14 th November	*	House Team Hobby Half Day – children working in house teams on various activities
Friday 16 th November	*	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th November	*	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Wednesday 21 st November	*	Winter Festival of Fire in the school grounds straight after school. All welcome!
Monday 26 th November	*	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly – all welcome to share our special assembly. 9am in the hall.
Monday 26 th November	*	FOSOPS school discos in the evening? TBC
Tuesday 27 th November		Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 27 th November	*	Meeting for Reception parents about how we teach maths. 6pm. TBC
Wed 5 th – Fri 7 th December	*	Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children
w/c 10 th December	*	Book Club trip to the theatre TBC
Friday 14 th December	*	Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning and afternoon
Tuesday 18 th December	*	Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 th December	*	School Christmas lunch
Friday 21 st December	*	Christmas parties
Mon 24 th Dec to Fri 4 th Jan 19	*	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 th January	*	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 th January	*	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 7 th February		Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	*	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Wednesday 19 th June		Training Day – school closed to children
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar for Leeds term dates. Please note that Easter doesn't fall in the Easter holiday at all in 2019.		
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change		

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 Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)