



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see so many of you at **Stay and Play** this morning in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you for coming.

Well done to Year 6 who this week have completed the new (incredibly difficult) SATs tests. They have had a great attitude, kept things in perspective, looked after each other, persevered and really showed that they can work hard – all great dispositions to take with them to high school. They are enjoying a well-deserved packed lunch in the park this afternoon.

I hope to see many of you at the **events coming up over the following weeks**: Spruce Up Shire Oak Day tomorrow, (10-2pm) to clean and paint in the grounds. Shire Oak Sunday (22nd May, 10am) – all welcome! Headingley Youth Music Festival (12-4 Saturday 11th June). Triathlon dance troupe (Sunday 12th June.)

This week we had our regular visit from **PC Jamie**. He knew that Reception Class are very interested in learning about animals, so he invited a dog handler colleague to come and visit us too. There are very few working in the area, so we are lucky to have had this visit. Reception and Year 1 enjoyed seeing the dogs and finding out more about how they work. Thank you to Jamie and West Yorkshire Police for their help.



Next week is **Reading Week**. I hope you have all seen the separate letter with details of the book fair, some of the activities happening in school and our **Dress Up as a Favourite Character Day** on Tuesday. I am looking forward to seeing the inventive ways that the children represent the people (and other beings) that they love reading about.

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

DIARY DATES

Saturday 14 th May	FOSOPS Spring Clean event at school – please help! 10 until 2.
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th May *	Reading Week
Tuesday 17 th May *	Dress up as your favourite book character day – from a book, not just from a film!
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 19 th May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Sunday 22 nd May	Shire Oak Sunday. All children invited to take part in a special family service at St Michael's Church, 10am.
Wednesday 25 th May	Y6 school nurse height and weight check
Wednesday 25 th May	Geography Mapping Day. Includes Y3/4 trip to Otley Chevin for orienteering (TBC)
Friday 27 th May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Tuesday 7 th June	Dance Carnival Brazil workshop to prepare for Sunday's performance at the Triathlon on Sunday that will be passing close to school. (max 30 places available.)
Thursday 9 th June	Y5/6 orienteering trip to Otley Chevin (TBC)
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 10 th June	Reception Class trip to Tropical World
Saturday 11 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Sunday 12 th June	Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon passes school – we are performing!
Tuesday 14 th June	New Reception Parents' meeting 9:30am and 6pm
Tuesday 14 th June	Y3 trip to the Mining Museum
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 17 th June *	Visit from 5 Panamanian teachers TBC
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –Assessment and report writing (confirmed)
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days for September's Y7
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 th June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Tuesday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day for September's Y7.
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day – meeting new classteachers, etc.
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 th July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 th July *	Leeds City Academy transition day for September's Y7
Thursday 14 th July *	Garforth Academy transition day
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Tues 19 th July *	Year 6 production being shown to the children in school, 1:30pm
Wednesday 20 th July	R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July *	Y5/Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm (weather permitting)
Wednesday 20 th July *	Optional drop-in parents/carers consultation evening to discuss reports
Wednesday 20 th July *	Y6 production to parents, 6pm. (Children come back to school about 5:40pm)
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd July *	Bikeability training for Year 6 (Rearranged date due to production move)
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm
(Monday 25 th July) *	Reserve date for Sports Day R/1/2 am and Y3/4 pm
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 26 th July *	Reserve date for Sports Day Y5/6 pm
Tuesday 15 th November 2016	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Thursday 12 th January 2017	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March 2017	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC

* means added or changed since last newsletter

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