



Dear Parents and Carers

The weekend weather forecast was completely wrong! **Headingley Youth Music Festival** (and our summer fair) saw a dry afternoon and a great atmosphere. It was particularly pleasing to see the children from Shire Oak performing, whether on mainstage or the indoor Café Stage whilst people had refreshments and checked out the stalls. A particular highlight was when children from Shire Oak, Spring Bank, St Chad's and Weetwood performed 'Can You Hear My Voice?' together – a great collaboration. Other activities that were enjoyed were the DJ sessions, ukulele workshop, Woodcraft Instrument making, watching the traditional Folk Rapper dancing, having a go at the steel pans, Futsal football, the bouncy castle and bungee run, making music with GarageBand on iPads, the craft stalls, facepainting, massage and the Music For Small People and Moroccan Music sessions in the Children's Centre. Thank you so very much to Alun Davies, Liz Craven, Mike Jolly (of Cloth Cat), Victoria Jaquiss and FOSOPS for all their work to make the day a success. Thank you also to the families who brought their children along, encouraged them to perform, provided an enthusiastic audience and supported the various stalls. This year we took over £800 and a lot of this was due to the fantastic tombola stall that was well stocked after our Wear What You Like Day and also the raffle. Especial thanks go to Mia's mum for encouraging local businesses to donate so generously so that our raffle prizes were such a great selection. **Thank you** to the Myrtle Tavern, Galtex Solutions, Kirbys, Bretts, Monkbridge Off Licence, East of Arcadia, Fletcher & Sons, Asda Meanwood, Pizza Express, Jo Brand, Pappa Johns, Zucco, Pets at Home and Love to Shop vouchers.



As I finish this newsletter there are strange goings on in Year 1 and Year 2... which seems to have been renamed the Isle of Struay for the day. I hope the children all enjoy their **Katie Morag day** as much as they have been enjoying the beautiful stories. I hope to have some photos and a report next week.

A sincere thank you to **Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell** who took the time to visit our Year 5 class and inspire them in their learning about **space**. She answered their questions and helped them be excited about science and being scientists. An amazing role model that we are fortunate to know. (I suggest the Wikipedia page about her for more information about her achievements!)

Thank you also to **Dan from Leeds Rhinos** who gave us a day to remember on Monday. His assembly was a great reminder about the importance of daily physical activity and then children throughout school enjoyed their PE sessions with him. His friend Ronnie the Rhino even put in an appearance at lunchtime!



Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an excellent day of learning at **Magna** in Rotherham on Tuesday. Both classes explored the properties of solids, liquids and gases through interactive experiments that fizzed, smoked and held firm. They also toured the immense space of the converted Templeborough steelworks and enjoyed playing with Earth, Fire, Air and Water.

Their intelligent questions, considered responses and positive behaviour throughout impressed the staff of the centre so much that a number of children were asked to send in their CVs ready to start work over the summer holidays!

**Reception Class** also enjoyed a special **trip** on Tuesday. They visited the Discovery Gardens at Leeds Beckett University courtesy of teacher training students who planned a very special day of outdoor learning for them. Thank you to Bev Keen and her students for this positive link.

Whilst Reception Class were out for the day we took the opportunity to host the first of our transition events for **new Reception children** and their parents. I was pleased that almost every family attended and it was great to start getting to know what seem like a lovely class of new Shire Oakers.

Thanks again for your support at the Music Festival. I hope this is also a good weekend for you.

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### Did you know?

Year 1 children (and a few children in Year 2) have been having their **phonics screening checks** this week. These are statutory checks of children's reading of phonics but do not worry, we do not administer them as scary tests. The children enjoyed their special 1:1 reading time with their teacher and were entirely oblivious that this was anything other than a nice learning activity. The results will be sent out (hopefully with the end of year reports) or when we get the marks thresholds from the Department for Education.

This is also how we approach Year 2 (end of **KS1 SATs**). The children may have remarked on having 'nice new booklets' to do their work in, but again we do not let them know these are anything other than a usual piece of school work to let the teachers know how the children are getting on and in many ways this is true, because although the tests are statutory, they are used only to inform Teacher Assessment which will be reported later in the year. Please ask me or the teachers if you would like further information. We know this is the last year of the KS1 levels as they currently exist, but it is not yet clear what will replace them nationally. As a school we are developing our own approach to Assessment Without Levels, and would welcome input from parents about what you find most helpful when we report to you about children's progress and attainment.



## DIARY DATES

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reception class trip to Tropical World
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 rugby tournament at Woodlesford Primary School after school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 to Leeds City museum (Egyptians)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Open Gardens – we are on the trail! 2pm-5pm.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day – children will meet their new teachers for September.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre (Egyptians topic)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Community Week including the Listening Yurt and painting the shed at HEART
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Days times tbc
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Leeds Listening Yurt comes to our school.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day 9am approx (tbc)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Elephants Tea Party and activity day (loss & bereavement)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal for the other classes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	School disco? Tbc-We will have a disco before Christmas.
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 11am St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.

\* means added or changed since last newsletter

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, Janie Percy-Smith [percysmithjanie@gmail.com](mailto:percysmithjanie@gmail.com) (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)



The whole school enjoying a performance of 'When Trolls Try to Eat Your Goldfish' by poet **Dominic Berry** and guitarist **Sergio Volumnen**. Thank you to Headingley Music Festival for organising this for us.

### STOP PRESS

Pre- School have asked me to let you know that they will be having stalls with plants, books, cake, playdough and other goodies before the matinee showing of the Moomins at the Hyde Park Picture house on Saturday.

The stalls will be from 11am and the film is at 12 o'clock. They will also be showing the animations made by Pre School children on the big screen! The cost is the usual matinee price of £1.50 for children and £5 for adults.