



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

We were so pleased that Year 6 were able to attend a school **residential** last week. Our usual destination, Robinwood, had no more dates available after the restriction was lifted, but we were pleased that Girl Guiding were able to offer us space at Waddow Hall near Cliltheroe. The children spent two days on outdoor activities and slept overnight in the lovely accommodation there. To extend the trip a little further the children then returned to school and spent time playing rounders in the grounds, having a campfire with marshmallows, hot dogs and their customised pizzas straight from a fancy pizza oven! (Some may have popped indoors occasionally to check the football scores...) Thank you so much to Alun Davies, Carol Hill, Kate Earl and Abi Readman for taking them away for this experience – and then staying late on Friday night to prolong their fun. Thanks also to Liz Craven and Andy Hill for additional cooking duties and camp kitchen.



WADDOW HALL 2021



Thank you to Natalie from Totally Runable who came to lead assemblies for our classes this week talking about **positive role models in sport** and girls in sport. (I have enjoyed hearing from children that in *women's* football England have been to the finals of international tournaments more recently than 1966!) Our aim at Shire Oak is that all children leave us for high school with at least one sport or physical activity that they enjoy and call their own. Here you can see some of the

Year 5 and 6 rugby players who are going to be included on posters encouraging other girls to take up the sport that is loved by so many at our school. If you use Twitter you can follow our rugby teams @ShireOakRLFC



This week has seen the **government announcement** that most pandemic restrictions on how we operate as schools are due to be lifted on the 19th July. As local rates are still very high and contact tracing is still in place, Leeds schools will be continuing to operate their current risk assessments until the end of term. Guidance is starting to be published on the changes from September. The main one is that schools will no longer be asked to send home bubbles of children to self-isolate if there has been contact with a positive case, but children may be asked to get tested instead. Obviously, I will be reading the guidance carefully and ensuring we work as safely as possible. It is not yet clear how Test and Trace will work with parents to identify close contacts of children from the school day, so I anticipate that we will need to work closely with you and with public health to make sure the correct decisions are made. In September we will proceed cautiously and for the first couple of weeks at least keep many of the routines and arrangements in place that have been working well as children and staff get used to the easing of restrictions. One change is that we will be moving back to greeting children in the morning on our playground circles at 8:50am before going into school. (A small number of children have benefitted this year from the 'soft start' of going directly to the classroom and we may make that arrangement to continue for September in line with individual support plans.) Your children will know where the circles are painted and they are identified with the year group number.

Class	Well done to this week's maths Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class as the most improved mathematician or someone who sets a high maths standard for the class.
YR (Thames)	Jojo uses resources independently to help her maths. Jonas shows us his maths learning in busy time and represents this on paper.
Y1 (Nile)	Elliot has been improving on representing his number work in different ways (e.g. Numicon, 10s and 1s, part/whole models). Tomos is consistent in his approach to maths and works hard to solve problems.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Sophie has worked hard in maths this year and persevered with a positive attitude even when it's really tricky. Dylan works hard and challenges himself with problem-solving and reasoning challenges, also explaining his thinking.
Y3 (Rhine)	Charlie uses his times table knowledge and his understanding of place value to choose and use the appropriate operation. Emily has understood the importance of place value and has massively improved on her maths passport.
Y4 (Ganges)	Morgan always completes his maths to a high standard and makes his own questions to investigate and explains his thinking. Erin has used her time at home and in school to more than double her times tables scores.
Y5 (Tigris)	Edie B is an accurate mathematician and is clear and well presented even when using White Rose sheets. Krishan has worked very hard in his spare time to significantly improve his times table knowledge since April.
Y6 (Amazon)	Jack has improved the range of methods he uses and set his work out sensibly. Eva uses calculation methods fluently to solve real life problems and even developed her own formulae to describe this.
Well done to all the children who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one – a number of children are trying hard to pass the last few targets to travel on before the end of term – please help them practise at home. Special mentions this week to Hannah, Seth, Darcy, Lexi, Charlie, Neve, Abdullah, Dave, Olive, Amirali and Nina.	

It has been good to **welcome back** Year 1 to school this week and we have been looking forward to Year 2's return today. Quite a number of our school community are still self-isolating and we are thinking of them stuck at home for now.

Have a great weekend.

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There may be some tired children on Monday morning after Sunday night's game. As usual we would rather see children late than not at all so please bring them in when they are rested!

DIARY DATES

w/c 12 th July	The Scrap Shed should be arriving!
Monday 12 th July *	Shire Oak transition day – children meeting their new teachers
Tuesday 13 th July	(Virtual) visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13 th July	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day TBC
Wednesday 14 th July	Closing date for Wonder Day competition entries
Thursday 15 th July	Y3 & Y4 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Friday 16 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day TBC
Tuesday 20 th July	Y5 New to you (secondhand) uniform sale at the front of school 8:30am
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 5/6 Performances to school (pm) and parents/carers (evening) TBC (Given current prevalence rates and track and trace requirements, this will be livestreamed or recorded)
Thursday 22 nd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am (for Y6, Y5 and Y6 parents this year)
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term including end of year assembly
Monday 26 th and Tuesday 27 th July	These two days will be taken as Training Days as we have not been able to book our training in person earlier in the year.
SUMMER HOLIDAYS Art Camps are running at Shire Oak until August bank holiday. https://www.artcampuk.com/	
(Saturday 31 st July)	Wonder Day at HEART. Our children's competition entries will be displayed
Friday 22 nd October	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Friday 19 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
27 th – 29 th April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.	