



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 4
29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the **transition meetings** for KS1 and KS2 and for the **phonics meeting** for Reception Class. It really helps us when you understand the rationale behind some of the things we do and also helps us to help you support your children's learning.

It has been a busy week in school again. Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed **skateboarding** sessions indoors and on the playground today. These were rescheduled from our Learning through Sport week before the summer and were fun to watch!



On Wednesday our assembly was about **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**. Thank you to all the classes that shared their learning and for the Year 6 demonstration of how to play the shofar.

Instead of an assembly on Thursday, the Year 6 children stepped into their roles as **house team captains** and led house team meetings. They introduced themselves, taught the sign-name for their house, encouraged team-point winning behaviour and led the other children in playing a game. They are doing very well as role models and leaders!

Some of our older children have been showing these great qualities in out of school activities too. At the weekend Darcy and Bethan completed the 23 mile junior version of the **Six Dales Walk** within the time limits. They were the only junior team to make it to the end and were awarded the Peter Page trophy as the youngest participants. An incredible achievement!



Another Year 6 achievement was announced on Twitter and Facebook this week. Benji's poem 'When I have Fear' has been chosen to be displayed in Leeds Children's Hospital as the winner of the Leeds Bear Hunt legacy competition. Very excitingly he met the **poet Michael Rosen** who was most impressed with the writing.



On the next page you can see the children who were awarded the first **Superstar certificates** of the new school year. Well done to all our children who have been making a very good start to the school year. (We even heard at the swimming pool today that the staff there look forward to our Year 3 visiting on Fridays as their behaviour is so good!)



Next week we will hold our annual **Harvest Festival** and you are all very welcome to join us. As part of the festival we collect in donations of food to share in our community. This year our donations are going to the charities **PAFRAS** and **Rainbow Junktion** at All Hallows. Bringing in tins and packets from Wednesday onwards (to class) will help us get the display ready for the morning. Thank you!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Have you seen our new **lost property box**?
We hope it will help with locating missing uniform. Thank you FOSOPS for organising and paying for this! Do pop items you see in the playground into the box!



Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out.
YR (Thames)	Reception are not yet joining us for whole school assemblies but they are all working very hard!
Y1 (Nile)	Sidney has a positive attitude in his phonics lessons. Cruz has made a great start to Y1 and is so positive about his learning.
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Logan has started the year with enthusiasm and sets a good example to others as he is always ready to learn. Anwen listens carefully and participates in every lesson.
Y3 (Rhine)	Agata has had a fantastic start to Y3 and is trying her best at all times. Jacob has had a brilliant start to Y3 including doing some imaginative and entertaining writing.
Y4 (Ganges)	Achilles worked so hard when writing his sentences in English and persevered when things were tricky. Beckett persevered and stayed focused when writing his story page in English.
Y5 (Tigris)	Lucas has settled in well at Shire Oak. Poppy is setting a high standard for presentation in her Y5 work.
Y6 (Amazon)	Joseph has made a good start to life in Y6 and is working hard. Tayah is a positive role model and is putting top effort into all her work.
Citizen of the Week last week was Joseph who was nominated for volunteering to help with training the new Lego Club monitors and with our Rosh Hashanah assembly.	



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26 th September	Maths Puzzle afternoon for Y5 with Lawnswood maths specialist teacher
Wednesday 27 th September	Meeting for Reception Class parents about reading & writing through phonics. (5pm in the classroom) TBC
Wednesday 27 th September	Meeting for parents in Y1 as part of transition to KS1 (5:00pm in the classroom)
Wednesday 27 th September	Meeting for Y6 parents about Robinwood residential trip (5:30pm in the classroom) This date has changed due to the clash with Lawnswood Open Evening
Friday 29 th September	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2. Family can join children in class at the start of the day until c.9:15am.
Friday 29 th September	Skateboarding sessions in school for Y4/5/6 (make sure PE kit is in school just in case)
Monday 2 nd October	Individual and sibling photo day. (Pre School siblings before school.)
Tuesday 3 rd October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 5 th October *	Viking Day for Year 6 (in the hall)
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Festival, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (This will be in the hall or outdoors). We welcome donations of non-perishable food that we will distribute to Rainbow Junktion and to PAFRAS.
Saturday 7 th October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk TBC. (This is a great welcome event for new families, particularly our Reception Class.)
Saturday 7 th October *	Carr Manor Open Day 10am to 1pm
Thursday 12 th October	Netball match after school
Thursday 12 th October *	Abbey Grange Open Evening. Letter to Y6 parents.
Friday 13 th October	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y3 friends and family welcome!
w/c 16 th October	Year 2 trip to the Railway Museum, TBC
Monday 16 th October	Tennis day in school
Tuesday 17 th October	Cross-Country festival in Otley (a team from Y4) pm
Tuesday 17 th October *	Y5 online Anglo Saxons experience
Wednesday 18 th October *	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 19 th October *	Nasal flu immunisations
Monday 23 rd October	Leeds United working with Y6 from 9:30am TBC
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Wednesday 25 th October *	Parents and Carers Evening (appointments with class teachers)
Thursday 26 th October *	FOSOPS hot chocolate and cake sale after school in the hall, TBC
Friday 27 th October	TRAINING DAY. School is closed to children. Staff will be doing training in school.
<p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. School is closed to children.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art Camp will be running a holiday club https://www.artcampuk.com</p>	
Thursday 9 th November	Homework due in for Years 1 to 6. (See leaflet for confirmation).
Friday 10 th November	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
13 th – 24 th November	Anti Bullying Fortnight. Includes drama workshops (KS2) on the 13 th
w/c 13 th November	YR trip to Pizza Express TBC
Friday 17 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school in the grounds.
27 th November onwards	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
28 th or 29 th November	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church TBC
Friday 1 st December	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
4 th to 6 th December	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Wednesday 6 th December	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom TBC
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 th and 15 th December	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Wed 13 th December	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays

Thursday 14 th December	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 th December	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Tuesday 19 th December	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th December	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25 th to Fri 5 th January. School is closed to children. Art Camp are measuring demand for a holiday club. Fill in their survey here .	
Thursday 11 th January *	Y3 poetry assembly at 2:30pm following work this week with local poet, James Nash. All welcome!
7 th - 9 th February 2024	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
3 rd to 7 th June	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Thursday 20 th June	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Monday 24 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
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.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES



- **FULLY FUNDED COURSE**
- **PROVIDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINING IN VOCAL AND PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUES**
- **SUPPORTIVE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT**
- **STAGE EXPERIENCE**




MONDAYS
at St Chads Far Headingley LS165JT
4.30pm - 5.15pm (Age guideline 6yrs - 13yrs)
5.30pm - 6.30pm (Age guideline 13yrs - young adults)
 * limited space available

"I don't sing because I'm happy, I'm happy because I sing!"



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