



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been lovely to see children involved in the full range of school life this week. Reception Class went on their first class trip to **Pizza Express** in Headingley. They made their own pizzas and enjoyed their visit.



We don't always need to leave the building to enjoy a rich curriculum experience. Year 6 spent a day immersed in **Viking culture** thanks to a special visitor and her artefacts.

Children get the chance to share their learning with parents and carers in class assemblies and this week we were fortunate to see both Year 1 and Year 2 present information about their topic along with great singing, work on their class values and some lovely hall voices.

Well done to the **Year 5 football team** who represented the school well in a match against Beecroft Primary. Although they didn't win, they held their heads up well in their first match and made good progress.



Although the end of the week is now fairly warm and dry, the torrential rain on Wednesday proved that the weather doesn't stand in the way of our outdoor learning as Y3 began the 5 week process of working as a team to build dens each big enough to keep 6 children warm and dry using natural materials found on Woodhouse Ridge

On the subject of outdoor learning, I look forward to welcoming you to our annual **Winter Festival of Fire** straight after school on Wednesday. We will have an open fire, marshmallows to toast, woodwork, crafts, activities and singing round the fire. The fire, marshmallows and activities are all free but FOSOPS will also be offering food, drink, cakes and second-hand uniform that you may wish to bring a little money for. Volunteers to help are still welcome too!



Have a great weekend

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PS Thank you to Joelle Braithwaite for playing the trumpet for our act of Remembrance today

<https://youtu.be/7Whk7YG4dKQ>

DIARY DATES

Monday 14 th November	Tree of trees planting at Wheatfields (small group of children)
Mon/Tues 14 th /15 th Nov	D:Side Internet Safety workshops across school
Wed 16 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school to celebrate outdoor learning and the changing of the seasons. Free entry and activities with food and drink to buy. All welcome!
Friday 18 th November	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Friday 18 th November	Anti Bullying Theatre workshops for KS2
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu immunisations in school
Thursday 24 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents. (Current parents also welcome to tour) 9:15am
Friday 25 th November	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 25 th November	Roman visitor for Year 4
Wednesday 30 th November *	Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On at St Michael's with Shire Oak choir 5:15pm PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
Friday 2 nd December	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
5 th – 7 th December	Year 6 Residential at Robinwood Activity Centre, Todmorden
Thursday 8 th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performances am and pm
Thursday 8 th December	Book Club visit to Leeds Playhouse production of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Tuesday 13 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas Dinner (children on packed lunches can book this in advance via office)
Thursday 15 th December	Alive and Kicking Theatre in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd January. School closed to pupils.	
TRAINING DAY. Tuesday 3 rd January. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 4 th January	Welcome back to the spring term!
Friday 6 th January	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day. TBC
Wed 11 th January	Reception Class 'How we teach maths' meeting 2:15pm TBC
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents.
Friday 13 th January	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 19 th January	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Thursday 2 nd February	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Friday 20 th January	Local MP Alex Sobel visiting Y2
Tuesday 24 th January	Y5 trip to Chocolate Experience in York
Friday 27 th January	Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Tuesday 7 th February	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th to 10 th February	Y4 residential trip to Lineham Farm
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 th to 17 th February. School closed to pupils.	
Tuesday 21 st February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school in the hall
Monday 27 th February	Planetarium visit to school (at least Y5 and YR)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day. This is usually a dress up day.
Friday 3 rd March	Y4 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome
Wednesday 8 th March	Holi Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Thursday 9 th March. School closed to pupils.	
13 th to 17 th March	Science/STEM Week in school (may be preceded by science visits to school)
Wednesday 15 th March	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
Thursday 16 th March	First weekly pizza club for Y6 starts after school
Friday 17 th March	Y6 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day (depends what School Council decide)
Wednesday 22 nd March	First spring parents and carers consultation evening
Friday 24 th March	Y5 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Monday 27 th March	NCMP and vision check YR and Y6
Wednesday 29 th March	Second spring parents and carers consultation evening

27 th to 29 th March	Class Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Friday 31 st March	Y3/4 Easter production to parents and carers
EASTER HOLIDAY 3 rd April to 14 th April. School closed to pupils.	
Wednesday 19 th April	Y6 trip to Eden Camp TBC
Sunday 23 rd April	Shire Oak Sunday. All welcome to take part in the all age service at St Michael's 10am
Wednesday 26 th April	Eid Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Friday 28 th April	YR Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 1 st May. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 5 th May	Stay and Play in YR, Y1 and Y2. Join your child in class at the start of the day.
8 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 12 th May	Y2 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
Wednesday 17 th May	Y1 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome.
18 th to 19 th May	D:side workshops across school on medicines, alcohol and drugs
22 nd to 26 th May	Green Week including pedestrian and scooter training
MAY HALF TERM 29 th May to Monday 5 th June. School closed to pupils.	
5 th to 9 th June	Y6 Bikeability (cycling proficiency and road skills) https://www.cyclenorth.co.uk/children
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Friday 16 th June	Non uniform day in return for donating a tombola prize for HYMF
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5 trip to Yorkshire Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Parents/Carers meeting (am and evening)
Saturday 24 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF). We put on this event for the whole local community and it is also our summer fair. Please put it in the diary!
26 th to 30 th June	Learning through Sport Week
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day TBC
Thursday 6 th July	Music Recital am. All children learning an instrument may play & their parents can watch.
Friday 7 th July	Y2 Assembly
17 th and 18 th July	Sports Days (subject to weather)
Wednesday 19 th July	Teachers available after school to talk about end of year reports
Thursday 20 th July	Y5/6 Performance to parents and carers 6pm.
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of the school year (Y6 will go bowling or similar)
SUMMER HOLIDAY Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September. School closed to pupils.	
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.	

