



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Here we are at the end of a busy week, busy term and busy (calendar) year! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our annual **carol service** at St Michael's Church. The children sang well and the Y6 readers were lovely and clear. Thank you also to Ada (supported by Sarah) for playing her trumpet as we came in and went out. Rev Angela and all at St Michael's Church in Headingley invite you to their **Family Christingle Service** on Saturday 24th December at 4pm to celebrate Christmas light with oranges, candles and sweets.



Thank you to Mrs Woldemichael and the team in the kitchen who put on such a lovely **Christmas dinner** for us to come back to on Tuesday after the service. School staff joined in too with crackers, music and good company for a very pleasant mealtime.

Thank you also to the FOSOPS volunteers and staff who ran the **discos** on Wednesday evening. The children danced, partied and even sang with gusto! Sorry – we were too busy dancing to take photos!

There was great excitement on Tuesday afternoon when Reception and Year 1 were able to meet some special visitors who had been invited to the Children's Centre Christmas Stay and Play. These two **donkeys** have retired from life on Blackpool Beach and seemed to calmly enjoy meeting our children who were very thoughtful and kind towards them. Reception even burst into a round of 'Donkey plodding' from their Nativity!



Yesterday was **party day** with an array of Christmassy jumpers, tops and hats and a very funny performance of Dip and Dab's Christmas Mix Up for the whole school. A lovely festive treat.

If you are in the mood for more Christmas pantomime fun, then don't miss **Hyde Park Unity Day panto** which has Shire Oak (and ex-Shire Oak) cast members. Click the flyer for more details.

Tuesday 3rd January is a **training day** and teachers will be working on the teaching of writing and zones of regulation. School re-opens to children on Wednesday 4th January.

I wish you, your families and loved ones **a happy and peaceful Christmas** and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

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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)	Poppy is making great progress in her reading. Kai is engaging well in carpet sessions. Hazel tried hard and didn't give up when making a Hanukkah after learning about Hanukkah. Edwin chose to make up his own prayer.
Y1 (Nile)	Stanley has been noticed for his positive behaviour by the lunchtime staff. May confidently listens well and does her best. Logan is a good friend and kind towards others. Ava is always kind and thoughtful towards others.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Winter always tries her best in every lesson and shows switched on Shire Oak learning behaviour throughout the day. Ethan is working hard and showing fantastic progress in his reading, writing and spelling. Agata makes good choices in the classroom and in the playground. She is a good example for others. Jasper has been taking his RE learning into area time by choosing to read the class prayer.
Y3 (Rhine)	Bram is careful about solving maths problems and selecting appropriate operations and methods to solve them. Robyn is using drawings and written methods well to help solve maths problems using big numbers. Coco is thoughtful about her learning and listens well to others. Aidan always thinks deeply about hard questions and asks his own questions and listens well to others.
Y4 (Ganges)	Sasha is always demonstrating good listening skills in class and works hard in every lesson to do her best. Rory has an enthusiastic and positive attitude towards his learning and always has lots of thoughts to share with the class relating to discussions we have. Atticus is always respectful of other people's points of view during class discussions. Rafael has a keen interest in learning about different faiths, religions and practices in RE and shows great respect and understanding of the beliefs of others.
Y5 (Tigris)	Hannah reads in a clear and impressive manner when reading aloud in class. Benji is always keen to contribute to class discussions. Heath is working hard on trying to produce more work in lessons.
Y6 (Amazon)	Noah is super switched on and making well thought out contributions in all lessons. Bella is producing some excellent writing for her story. Y6 were superstars at Robinwood.
Citizens of the Week were Sophie , nominated by Iris and Chloe for being a great learning partner and always kind and cheerful and also Skylar who is kind and follows the school rules all the time. Well done.	

DIARY DATES

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd January. School closed to pupils. If you are struggling with holiday childcare, please speak to Mr Nash asap.	
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.
Thursday 12 th January	Group to attend Youth Summit in the Civic Hall and museum
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.
Monday 30 th January *	Water safety assemblies by the Canals and Rivers Trust
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
Thursday 9 th February	Y3 trip to the Discovery Centre
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.
Wednesday 8 th March	Movie Nights TBC Reception 3:05 – 4:30pm Rest of school 4:45 – 6:45
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
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed. It is not yet announced what will happen to the SATS timetable this week.
Friday 12 th May	Y2 Class Assembly 9am in the hall, all welcome. This date will change due to the BH

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
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
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.	