



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see so many Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families at **Stay and Play** this week. The children love showing off their classrooms and hopefully you find it useful to see their learning environment and chat to the staff. We know that parents and carers can't always get to these because of work and other commitments – Pam from Kidzone always spends time with Breakfast Club children and staff make sure that all the children are happy and busy. It was also good to see so many parents at our **Reception Class Phonics Meeting** to hear about how we use letters and sounds to teach reading and writing. Thank you for coming.

Reception Class have been starting to join us for assembly in school. This is because next week they will be joining us for our first sharing assembly of the year – **harvest festival!** As is traditional, school will gather together to sing and say thank you for our food and the people who provide it, whilst sharing learning on the topic of autumn and harvest. We ask families to donate food if they can, which we display during the festival and is then collected by St Michael's who pass it on to local food banks and PAFRAS (which helps families who have arrived in Leeds) after they have held their own harvest festival. Food needs to be in date, and non-perishable (e.g. tins and packets please). All gifts are welcomed, but we know that the following items are in high demand: tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes, custard, longlife fruit juice, sponge puddings, instant mash and rice pudding. Please join us in the hall on Thursday next week; harvest festival will start as close to 9am as we can.



Well done to two of our Year 6s who organised and ran a **booksale** and **giveaway** after school this week. They had gathered a good number of book donations from families and our older books culled from the library. They displayed them well and sold the books (giving away plenty for free) with a little help from Mrs Hill. They raised over £40 which they would like to split between Wheatfields and the school library I believe – we are proud of them and look forward to the next sale with the surplus stock.

Have you seen our new **spelling books** from Year 2 upwards? A number of parents have been surprised to hear that we send spellings home each week to practise for a quiz a few days later. It would seem that some pieces of paper have not been getting home! The new books will have their words they are learning this week in them, but also their most recent quiz and score so that you can keep track of how they are getting on. Do ask your class teacher for more information.

Next week is a busy week with **Movie Night**, **Harvest Festival**, **the first football match of the year** and a **training day** (for teachers to keep up to date in child protection and safer working practice). At the end of it all we would like to welcome families to join us for our **Woodland Walk** on Saturday 6th October. This is a great way for parents and carers to get to know each other and see the new friends their children are making. We will meet at school at 12 o'clock on Saturday, walk and do activities on The Ridge together and then return to school for barbecue food before 2pm. Please do join us! A little rain will not put us off, but if the weather is awful we will send a text to the first contact on your form to let you know what we are doing.



Well done to the children who were elected as School Councillors for their class, and to our new Year 5 Vice-Chair of **School Council**. The chair and vice-chair (assisted by the Y5/6 councillors) ably ran the meeting yesterday and have started making plans for the year. The first thing they have been organising is our **Scout the Route Week** next week. The aim is to increase the number of children getting safely and healthily to school so our School Council have decided to include all children who try next week to:

Scout to school

Park and Stride to school (i.e. if a car journey is unavoidable, park a little further away so children can walk the last leg of the journey and the area around school therefore is less congested, polluted and safer.)

Cycle to school

Walk to school

Scout to School



School Council will be counting to see if we improve on this week and will be giving out stickers and scooter wristbands. They also have some very special prizes, courtesy of the Leeds campaign, and will be entering all children who scoot, cycle, walk or park and stride to school into a prize draw for some shopping vouchers.

I look forward to seeing you at our various events next week.

Have a good weekend!

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PS: If your child was interested in the Cre8 sessions@HEART please note that the times of the sessions have changed to 5:30 to 7pm, following parent feedback.



St. Michael's Church Headingley

Invites you to our



7th October

10am.

Gifts of tinned food invited for

Leeds Food Bank

&

PAFRAS

(Positive Action For Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

All Welcome

DIARY DATES

Thursday 4 th October	Harvest Festival – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 4 th October	* Football match, away at Meanwood
Thursday 4 th October	Movie Night 5-7pm
Friday 5 th October	Training Day – school closed to children
Saturday 6 th October	FOSOPS Autumn Activity Day and Woodland Walk 12-2 (meet at school)
Tuesday 9 th October	* Football match against Weetwood. This is a 'home' game, but we Lawnswood are kindly loaning us their superior pitch.
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual and sibling school photo day (photos back in good time for Christmas)
Thursday 11 th October	* Y6 rugby match away, against Woodlesford
Friday 12 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 12 th October	Headingley Hawks Rugby to see Year 6 girls at 2pm
Tue 16 th & Wed 17 th October	Parent and Carers Evenings – all families will receive an appointment. Y5 & Y6 children very welcome to attend with their adults.
w/c 22 nd October	Internet Safety Week including parent information event, likely to be 23/10 @2:30
Monday 22 nd October	Bun Sale – Year 6 please make/bring buns. Everyone else can buy them.
Tuesday 23 rd October	* Football match against Holy Name (away)
Thursday 25 th October	* Football match against Adel (home match to be played at Lawnswood)
Friday 26 th October	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone are running an October Playscheme each day from 8:30 to 5:30am. All children welcome. £21 per day (late bookings £23) To register and book please call 07708879920 or 07847442492. Closing date 5 th October.
Thursday 8 th November	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th November	Divali Assembly – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall
12 th – 23 rd November	Anti Bullying Fortnight
Tuesday 13 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Tuesday 13 th November	Open Evening for prospective parents, 6pm.
Wednesday 14 th November	House Team Hobby Half Day – children working in house teams on various activities
Friday 16 th November	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th November	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Tuesday 20 th November	* Y3 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge TBC
Wednesday 21 st November	Winter Festival of Fire in the school grounds straight after school. All welcome!
Monday 26 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak– all welcome to share our special assembly. 9am, the hall.
Monday 26 th November	FOSOPS school discos in the evening. R/KS1 4:30-5:30 7 KS2 5:45- 6:45
Tuesday 27 th November	Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 28 th November	* Y4 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge TBC
Wednesday 28 th November	Meeting for Reception parents about how we teach maths. 6pm. TBC
Wed 5 th – Fri 7 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children
w/c 10 th December	Book Club trip to the theatre TBC
Monday 10 th December	Bun Sale with donations by Year 5 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 11 th December	Book Club trip
Friday 14 th December	Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning and afternoon
Tuesday 18 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 21 st December	Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor
Mon 24 th Dec to Fri 4 th Jan 19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 th January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 21 st January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Wednesday 6 th February	Movie Night 5-7pm
Thursday 7 th February	Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	