



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was so lovely to see you all at our **Parents Evenings** this week. It is great to hear what teachers have been telling you about how your children have settled into the class and what they are working on. It is always good to hear from home the children's view of how things are at school and what they think will help them to learn well. We know a small number of



families couldn't make the dates this week but have other appointments booked in soon with the class teacher(s). If you do not yet have an appointment please contact us as soon as possible to arrange this – we know from experience that the most settled and hardworking children can start to put in less effort if they think that school and home are not talking to each other!

Thank you to Mrs Jo Bell, the headteacher from **Lawnswood School** for bringing some Year 7s to speak to Year 5 and Year 6 about life at secondary school. It was a helpful assembly that squashed some myths, reassured the children and made them excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. It was particularly lovely that two of the Lawnswood students were former Shire Oak pupils.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival collection. Combined with the St Michael's collection it generated this response from Leeds Food Bank:

On the subject of generosity, we have recently raised £43 through the **easyfundraising** link. They say: "Searching for half term inspiration? You can buy absolutely everything you need for an action-packed week through easyfundraising. Whether you're planning a last-minute sunshine holiday, a cosy UK cottage stay or a fun family theme park day, you'll find a great deal through easyfundraising - and help raise donations for Shire Oak CofE Primary School too!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/half-term/october>



Over the next fortnight children from Y1 to Y6 will be taking part in different activities to support their learning about the important subject of **on-line safety**. As well as in-class learning, children will have the opportunity to work with **d:side**, a charity that help children to stay safe. They will be visiting classes on Monday and Tuesday delivering internet safety sessions with the following focus:

- What we use the Internet for (KS1)
- What is / is not safe to share online (KS1)
- What to do if we are not sure about the internet (KS1)
- Using emails safely (KS2)
- Social networking and safe profiling – including use of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, Oovoo, etc. (KS2)
- 'Chatting' with care (KS2)
- Responsible and safe use of the internet (logins, email, photography, password protection, personal information and self-protection). (KS2)
- Using text and picture messaging (KS2)
- Behaving responsibly (KS2)

Dave Hill, from d:side, will also be delivering an **online safety workshop** for parents/carers on Tuesday 23rd October at 2:30pm-3:10pm. There will be the chance to find out what your child has been learning in this area as well as giving you the skills and knowledge to keep your child safe online and to ask questions on this subject. If you are unable to attend the workshop, please refer to our website where you will find information and links or to these other links:

<http://www.shireoak.org/e-safety> [NSPCC/O2](http://www.nspcc.org) <http://www.internetmatters.org/> www.parentinfo.org

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Rafael plays imaginatively outside with friends. Evie is very creative and loves experimenting with colours.
Y1 (Nile)	Dotty works well in PE and can climb to the top of the wall bars. Zac did an amazing picture of Harry O'Hay.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Ada is a super Y2 School Council member who always feeds back to the class well. Aiyush is a great School Council member who always shares information from the meeting.
Y3 (Rhine)	Oliver and Kienna have been sharing lots of enthusiasm in PE and improving their skills.
Y4 (Ganges)	Fred is taking a great interest in our Humans and Other Animals topic. Anna is setting a good example by being a good digital citizen.
Y5 (Tigris)	Rowan is showing great progress in art. Tula has lots of enthusiasm and energy in PE.
Y6 (Amazon)	Arthur has been applying his knowledge and understanding in science circuits. Noah explored and created a propeller for a fan in science.
Citizen of the Week was Sarvagya who was nominated by Lydia for always trying her best, being a good friend and good role model.	

Have a good weekend!

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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven. *** If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Jane Hinchliffe. *** If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office. *** The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Julia Kelly shireoakgovernors@gmail.com Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

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!
Mon 29 th Oct to Fri 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 8 th November	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 8 th November	Y3/4 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
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 with theatre workshops on the 12 th and 22 nd .
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.
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
Thursday 29 th November *	Toy Sale by School Council (clear out before Christmas)
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 (FOSOPS refreshments)
Monday 17 th December	Carol singing at Wheatfield's Hospice
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!
Thursday 17 th January	Maths Focus Day
Friday 18 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 21 st January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Friday 25 th January	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 3 rd February	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 th February	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Thursday 7 th February	Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Monday 11 th to 15 th February	Reading Week (includes Book Day dressing up day & House Team Hobby 1/2 Day)
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Tuesday 26 th February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
w/c Monday 25 th February	STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 th & Escape Rooms on the 28 th
Wed 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Thursday 7 th March	Geography Focus Day
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 th March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations (
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	