



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

I am sorry we had to postpone the **Winter Festival of Fire!** As you know, we don't believe in bad weather, just being badly dressed for the weather... but even we had to admit defeat when we would have needed a pontoon or ferry to reach the fire circle and were looking at the prospect of more mud than Glastonbury, without the sunshine! We are keeping a keen eye out for it to be dry enough or frozen enough for us to use the field again and will let you know as soon as we think we can go ahead. (Likely to be in the new year.)

FOSOPS were hoping to catch as many of you as possible at the festival to help them with ideas for some funding they are bidding for. They are working with Hyde Park Source (who are a more professional organisation these days and come with good references) on developing our Nature Garden and the Quiet Zone outside the Community Room. They are pulling together the last items for the application by next week and would love to hear your ideas for either or both of these areas. Please see the **attached questionnaire**, fill it in (as adults, children, family, whoever would like to) and return it to school on Monday. Thank you!

Thanks also to families who joined us for the fun, informal **switch on of the Headingley Lights**. With fewer celebrities and much less traffic than the Leeds switch on, it was lovely to hear our children singing with the choir of St Michael's and others before having refreshments in the church. (St Michaels Church invites you to their Christmas services, flyer attached.) Our choir (all welcome, Years 2-6) has started practising for our carol singing visits in the next three weeks.

On Monday this week we enjoyed **Maths All Day Day** where most children spent the day just doing maths – there was a cheer in assembly when it was announced which shows just how much our children love getting stuck into some maths problem solving!



Today **d:side** have been in school teaching the children about **staying safe on the Internet**. We will continue that work next week, but it is a good time to have a think about family rules and systems for keeping children safe online. I will include more information in next week's newsletter.

Have a good weekend.

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Did you know?

That on our website there is a **Book Zone** in the pupils area? On that page children can submit book reviews of their latest reading and see them published online.

<http://www.shireoak.org/form>

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Mon 28 th Nov to Fri 2 nd Dec	Internet Safety week in school
Monday 28 th November *	Y1/2 trip to St Michael's to learn about Christenings part of Celebrations topic (pm)
Thursday 1 st December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 th December	Dress rehearsal for the Reception and KS1 Christmas nativity productions
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 5 Fire Safety Talk
Wednesday 7 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities. 9:30am and 1:30pm (arrive early as we will start when they are all dressed and ready) Refreshments will be served.
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th December	Robinwood Residential for all Year 6 children
Thursday 8 th December	Carol singing at Grove Court
Friday 9 th December	Carol singing at Victoria Court
Monday 12 th December	Carol singing at Wheatfields
Tuesday 13 th December	School carol service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. 10:30am.
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 14 th December *	Head Girl of Abbey Grange talking to Year 6 about CISV
Thursday 15 th December	Carol singing at Wheatfields
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 16 th December *	Aire Ensemble music performances for KS1 and KS2
Mon 19 th Dec to Mon 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 3 rd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Thursday 12 th January	Wordsworth in Leeds exhibition launch event, Year 5, 1-2.30pm
Friday 13 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 th January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 2 nd February	Tim Peake inspired science session in Y5
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 27 th February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 th March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Fri 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.

Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival and Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children performing at around 2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

CHRISTMAS AT ST MICHAEL'S

DEC 4TH ...10AM ALL AGE WORSHIP


'CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE'



...4PM. 'LIGHTS OF LOVE', WHEATFIELDS




DEC 18TH...6 30PM...SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS



DEC 24TH SAT 4PM..

11 30PM



CHRISTINGLE

MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

DEC 25TH... 10AM PARISH EUCHARIST

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

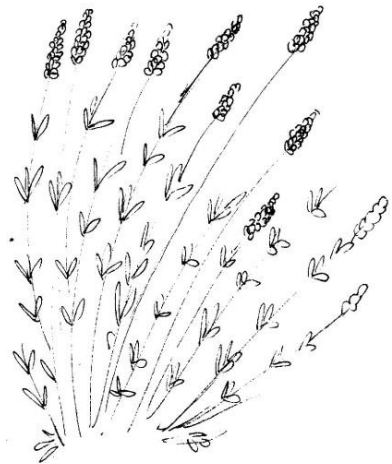




Film Club with their 3D glasses last week on their trip to the cinema.



We are hoping to improve and expand our outdoor space and we want everyone to be included in the design...



We have a unique setting at Shire Oak, amongst the trees – let's make the most of it!

We would like an outdoor classroom calm space and a wild nature garden, as well as more things planted, growing and blooming.

We need your help in designing and implementing this project!

Please answer a few questions for us.

Thank you!

1. Does your child have enough green space to play in at home?

2. Do you feel a calm outdoor space in the playground would help your child?

3. If we had a community garden day what would you like to do?

Explore nature with your children

Join in gardening

Eat food together

Meet other families

Free childrens' activities

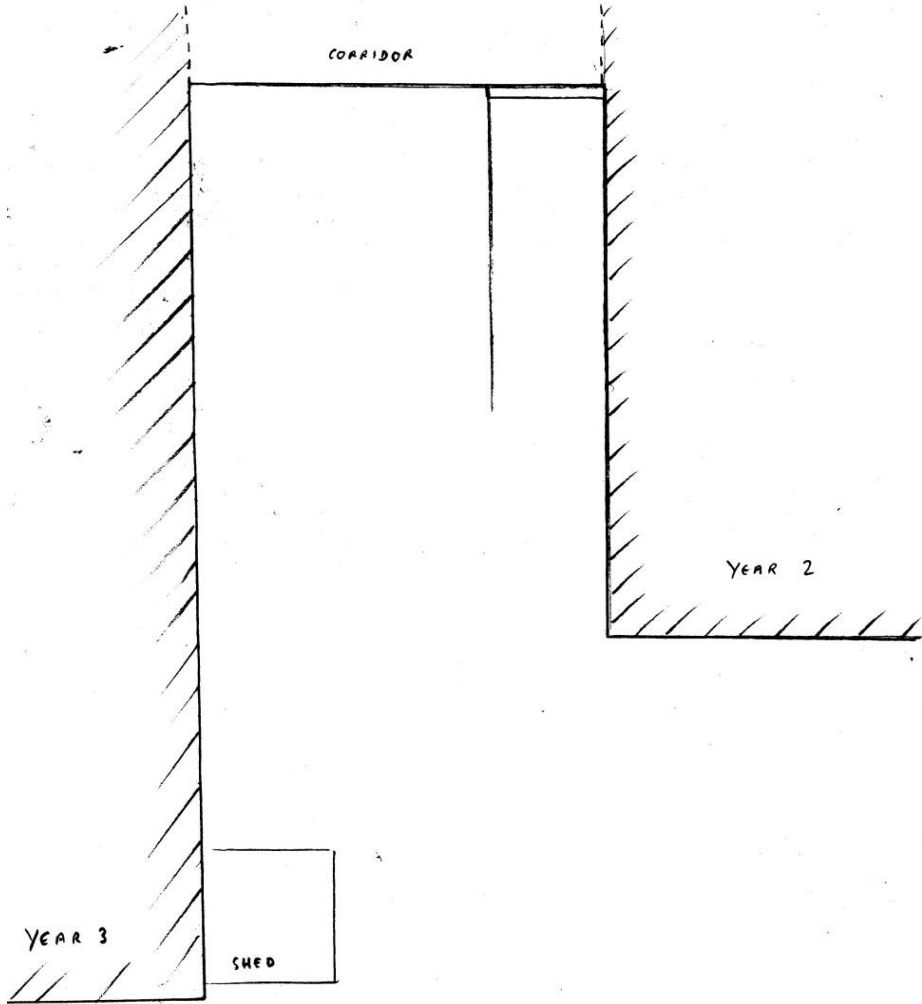
Other – please state

4. Do you have any skills or ideas that you could contribute? E.g. gardening, supporting new families or organizing skills.

Name	Phone Number	Email

Please draw your ideas on the maps!

1. Calm outdoor classroom area



2. Nature garden

