



Dear Parents and Carers

The children are settling well into their new classes, even if some of them are a little tired from getting back into the school routine now that the novelty is wearing off – early nights needed all round!

This week Years 1 to 6 have met in **house teams** for the first time and have elected their house team captains from Year 6. These will be announced in assembly next week. New Shire Oakers will be allocated into house teams very soon (if they haven't already been). At Shire Oak we award team points when children make a special effort to be kind, be safe or be their best. These are added up by Year 6 each week before SuperStars assembly and the weekly totals announced and added to the scoreboard. (There is an end of year overall winner too.) The children spend time in House Team Hobby Half Days doing interesting and creative activities with other house team members from across school and events such as Sports Days are organised by house team with children wearing t-shirts in their house colours.

Lions – yellow

Rhinos – red

Elephants – blue

Giraffes – green

Leopards – white

Thank you to Marcelle Maver and Jess Miller for these lovely pictures of **Year 1** settling into their new classroom and enjoying their learning. The eagle-eyed amongst you might spot Sue Bennett in the photos. Sue is taking a sabbatical this year, but because she hasn't actually set off on her travels yet has kindly stepped in to teach in Year 1 whilst Susie Hopkins is recovering from a nasty illness this summer. We all wish Susie a speedy recovery but know that Year 1 are in safe hands with the great team in place working with them. I look forward to seeing Year 1 parents at the **KS1 transition meeting** on Monday. I know Ian Martin is looking forward to seeing parents at the **KS2 transition meetings** on Monday too.



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 Hincliffe.

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

Monday 17 th September	Transition meetings with Y3 parents after school. Please book slots with Ian Martin
Monday 17 th September	Transition meeting for Y1 parents, 5:30pm.
17 th – 21 st September	After school activity clubs start this week
Wednesday 19 th September	Meeting for parents about Y6 Robinwood residential 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 th September	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Wednesday 26 th September	Meeting for Reception Class about phonics for reading and writing. 6pm. TBC
Thursday 4 th October *	Harvest Festival – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall. We welcome donations of non-perishable food for local food banks and PAFRAS.
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 for an easy walk on Woodhouse Ridge and then back to school for a barbecue)
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual and sibling school photo day (photos back in good time for Christmas)
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.
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.
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 *	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
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	