



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 29
5th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see family members at **Stay and Play** this morning, joining their children in their classrooms and outside areas. Thank you for coming.

Susan Koyuncu is already busy planning **music lessons** for September. We work with local peripatetic teachers to offer a range of instrument lessons that take place during the school day. Children generally work in pairs or very small groups to learn to play and can often loan an instrument from school. This is a good way to get started and cheaper than private lessons. At the end of year music recital we often have well over half of our children performing as so many children at Shire Oak are learning to play. This year we are also investigating whether there would be any demand for either **singing lessons or a proper after-school choir**. If your child would be interested in singing as an option, please let Mrs Koyuncu know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Additional time at home in the recent weeks and with the extra bank holiday ahead can mean children spending more time online than usual. Please find attached our regular **online safety newsletter for parents**.

To mark the **Coronation of King Charles III** we are having a special school dinner lunch on Tuesday. Children who bring packed lunches can bring more of a 'treat' lunchbox than usual too. Classes are making bunting to decorate the hall, using creative ideas such as 'our hopes for our country'. Children will also be writing to the King next week. It has been said that he wants to be a convenor who brings people together to talk. We are going to write to him about the issues we care about and ask him to arrange for conversations to happen between experts and the elected officials who make the decisions. For example, if children are very interested in conservation, they might ask King Charles to arrange for David Attenborough to talk to the government. We hope this will help to explain the role a monarch has in a democracy.

Next week is also **SATS week** for Year 6. They will have a special breakfast club in the mornings to start the day well as well as more normal afternoons. We try to keep a sense of proportion about these statutory tests, and we have been impressed with how this cohort are working hard to be ready to show off what they can do, without getting too overwhelmed about it. (Even our children who are more naturally worriers have been very constructive about talking to parents and trusted adults at school and making a plan that they feel comfortable with.) If anything happens next week or has happened recently that is likely to have affected your Year 6 child's ability to concentrate and do their best, please let us know as soon as possible. In some circumstances we can ask for special consideration to be taken into account when the papers are marked. As the hall will be in use in the morning, there will be no whole school assemblies next week. I will, therefore, include this week's SuperStars in the next newsletter instead.

I hope you have a lovely **bank holiday** weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

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Brownies for girls aged 7-10 - Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures!

Local brownie groups in Hyde Park, Headingley and Burley currently have spaces for new girls to join. They meet one evening a week during term time for about an hour and take part in a huge variety of activities, often chosen by the girls themselves. Brownies learn new life skills, they go on new adventures, they try new things, they grow in confidence, they make new friends and they have lots of fun! If you have a daughter who might be interested in joining a local group then register your interest using the girlguiding.org.uk link below. Alternatively, you can contact me (leader with Hyde Park brownies) on 07787500338, vsjohnson86@hotmail.com We look forward to hopefully meeting you soon 😊. Vicki <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/> or see link overleaf.



[Brownies \(7-10\)](#)

What our 7–10-year-olds do, wear and the badges they earn

www.girlguiding.org.uk

DIARY DATES

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8 th May for the coronation of King Charles. School will be closed.	
8 th -9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 9 th May	Coronation Celebration school lunch. Children on packed lunches can also add party treat type food to what they bring from home.
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 This will also include a Book Drive for the Children's Book Project charity. Please bring in any books your children have grown out of so that they can find new homes with others across the local community. We can accept any children's books in good condition.
Thursday 25 th May	Y3 trip to Otley Chevin
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 The lighter evenings are a good time for children to practise cycling so that they can do the more advanced on road sections of this training.
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE information evening for Y5/6 parents and carers
Thursday 8 th June	Class and team photos
Thursday 8 th June	Some Eco Club members to rescheduled Fairtrade celebration event at Leeds Town Hall pm
Tuesday 13 th June	Y3 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
TRAINING DAY Wednesday 14 th June. School closed to pupils.	
Thursday 15 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House TBC
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)
Thursday 22 nd June	Y1 and Y2 trip to Filey TBC
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 Class Assembly at 9am in the hall, all welcome.
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.