



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you so much to the great numbers of you that joined us on Saturday for a very busy few hours in the **school grounds**. Beds were weeded, nettles eliminated, the old pond filled some more, the fire circle seating sorted out, a good woodpile for the fire gathered, Year 1 outside area spruced up with a new (to them) mud kitchen, Reception outside area got a good clean, tidy and rearrange and the car park was improved. (Extension work on the car park was also started so that we can have room for all the visitors to school, Children's Centre and Pre-School as well as



improving the parking for disabled people.) We then enjoyed a barbecue despite the near-Biblical plague of greenflies! It was a great team effort between families and staff and all the hard work done is very much appreciated.

Year 4 *did* have just as good a time on their Anglo-Saxon re-enactment trip as Year 3 did. In fact, they were so impressive one of the Anglo-Saxons, Lady Freya, took the time to contact Mr Marshall:

My two ladies – Gyldenlinde and Sigge – wanted me to contact you as well, to pass on their absolute delight (and mine too) at the children's great behaviour, good will and willingness to take on board so much information and use it to become such stonking warriors. I absolutely loved it when they got so excited about seeing the map and I am so grateful that you were able to come back to us again. Also – my ladies were astonished at the unscripted and spontaneous drama session that erupted when I was telling Beowulf and Grendel! In slo-mo as well! Your class are fantastic and you were so chilled about everything – so we had the best day ever, working with you.

*Thank you again and I'll try to be there the year after next when you bring the next little warriors to Dunstan's Hall. I may be part-time by then, but I will make sure I work the day you'll be coming back to your spiritual home!
Waes hael, gud hael!*

It is always lovely to receive such great feedback about our children being great ambassadors for Shire Oak when they are out and about.

This last week before the half term break is as busy as ever. Please remember that children may wear their own clothes on Friday (nothing too fancy or hard to play in though, please!) Instead of collecting money we are asking for **donations for the tombola stall** at Headingley Youth Music Festival (which also incorporates our summer fair). Slips have also gone out this week asking for **volunteers** for Saturday 9th June – it really helps us to know in advance who we can call on, so please sign up for as little or as much as you can. Help is also needed before and after the event. All the children in school have been learning to sing 'A Million Dreams' and will be singing that during the afternoon on mainstage.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor and all the kitchen staff for the **special lunch** on Tuesday to mark the forthcoming Royal Wedding with party food and bunting. I understand there are a number of local street parties on Saturday and hope that all who take part enjoy local community fun. Have a great weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 21 st May	Y4 trip to Piano Fantasia at the Town Hall in the morning
Monday 21 st May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 nd May	Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards TBC
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for tombola items for summer fair Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday	
Wednesday 6 th June	Class, team and group photo day
Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 22 nd June	Geography Mapping Fortnight includes orienteering in Otley 11 th (Y5) and 18 th (Y6)
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (morning and evening)
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 14 th June	Danish storytelling and music in conjunction with Headingley Music Festival (Y5)
Friday 15 th June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Saturday 16 th June	Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors
Tuesday 19 th June	Reception trip to Harewood House TBC
Tuesday 19 th June	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Tuesday 26 th June	Temple Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wed 26 th & Thurs 28 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
w/c 2 nd July	Carr Manor transition day this week, TBC (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Wed 4 th & Thu 5 th July	Lawnswood School transition days (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Tuesday 10 th July	Abbey Grange transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Wednesday 11 th July	Cardinal Heenan transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	Corpus Christi transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	Leeds City Academy transition day (Y7 in 2018)
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Friday 13 th July	* Y1/Y2 trip to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala)
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th July	Bikeability training for Year 6. Start practising riding now so you are confident to learn to go out on the roads with the tutors.
Friday 20 th July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 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	

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