



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It is so pleasing to see the school diary filling up again and to see our children able to get out and about with their learning. Yesterday it was Year 4's turn to enjoy **countryside activities** at Ledston after Year 3's recent visit. (Year 6 will be going next week.) They have been great ambassadors and enjoyed the outdoor learning.

Parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – please make sure you have watched your child's **class assembly** online and spoken to them about it. They have worked hard to present some of their learning to you and without an audience in the hall don't receive the instant feedback of applause! Year 5 are sharing their class assembly today and we are looking forward to watching it.





It has been good to hear about children's **out of school activities** getting up and running again. Please remember that if your child achieves something they are proud of outside of school (e.g. swimming certificates, match medals, mentions in performance programmes, etc.) then they can bring them in to share their successes. We can often **celebrate** these in SuperStars assembly too. We were very impressed with the high standard of drumming in a video of one of our Year 1 pupils recently!



Although the easing of restrictions is bringing many benefits to our children and the most vulnerable members of our school community have been offered vaccination, it is still the case that **Test and Trace** is in operation. That means that, as happened this week in one class, that if a child or adult tests positive for COVID then we are obligated to trace all the contacts* in the previous two days. Unless we were to sit children in rows all day and not permit them to move and mix freely in their class, that will tend to mean that the whole class can be affected. We share your frustration when children (and their families) are affected and

were so glad that we had not had any bubbles popping since the high prevalence rates in the autumn term. (* Face to face contact/ closer than a metre for a minute or more/ closer than 2 metres for 15 minutes total throughout the space of a day).

Well done to all the children getting back into the swing of doing **regular reading, maths facts practice, homework** and other learning at home. It is always good to hear how they have been using and applying their skills at home – like the decoration of this solar system shirt! If you have had problems logging onto Times Tables Rockstarz recently, that should now be fixed.

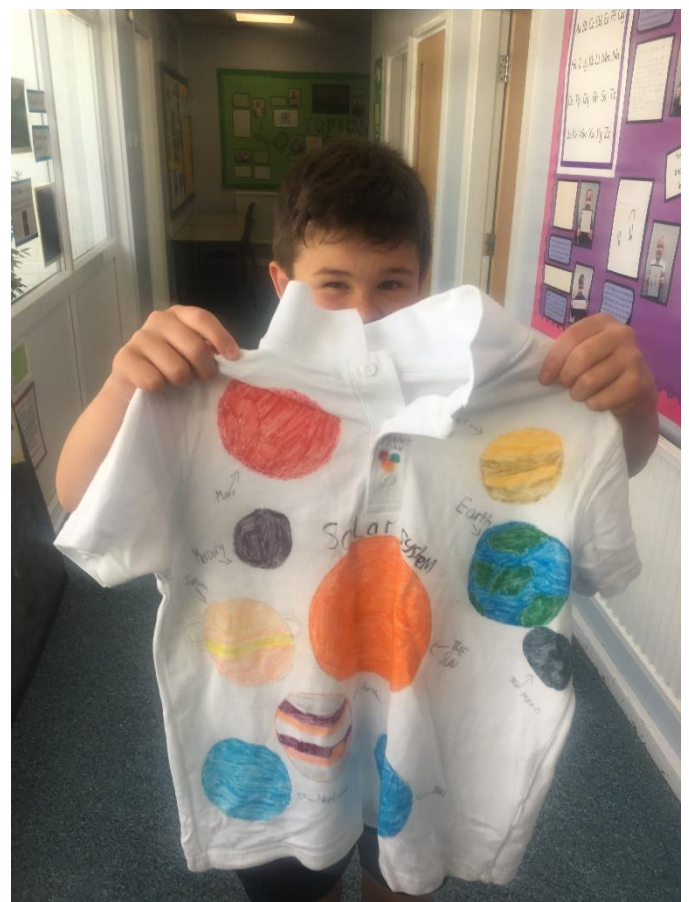
Thank you to the **Grove Bookshop** in Ilkley who have donated books for the children who may not have been able to go out and spend their World Book Day tokens. We will be distributing these in Writing Week, which is coming up soon. **Green Week** is also fast approaching – please see the diary dates for details of the road safety activities your child will take part in and for information about the dress up day.

Have a lovely weekend.

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PS Watch out for the parents' survey coming very soon!



DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19 th May	Year 6 Woodland Session (Countryside live) all day trip
Wednesday 19 th May *	Audiology Nurses coming to check hearing in Y1
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th May	GREEN WEEK
	Monday: Dress Up Day : the point is <i>not</i> to buy new clothes for this. Rather, wear a handmedown, a charity shop item, an upcycled outfit, the colour green, something made with recycled fabric or anything sustainable that your child likes. Bikeability for Y6 (Monday to Wednesday) Road Safety sessions YR and Y1 Tuesday: Bike Register Day – families can bring their bikes to be marked & entered onto the database Wednesday: Pedestrian Skills Training Year 2 and Year 3. Hobby Half Day TBC Thursday: Scooter Training Year 4 Friday: Scooter Training Year 5 Dr Bike Day – families can bring their bikes to be given a safety check up
Mon 7 th -Wed 9 th June	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Thursday 10 th June *	Class and Team Photo Day
Wednesday 16 th June	TRAINING DAY
Monday 21 st June *	Writing Week including Windrush stories
Wednesday 23 rd June *	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Tuesday 22 nd June	Meetings for new Reception parents TBC
Friday 25 th June	Skipping Celebration Day for KS1 following several weeks of Skip into Summer workshops
Monday 28 th June *	Abbey Grange transition day for Y6 into Y7
Tuesday 29 th June *	Cardinal Heenan transition day for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 30 th June *	After School family event including barbecue TBC
Thurs 1 st – Fri 2 nd July	Year 6 residential to Waddow Hall.
Tues 6 th & Wed 7 th July	Lawnswood transition days
Wednesday 7 th July	Shire Oak transition day including new Reception Stay and Play TBC
Thursday 8 th & 9 th July *	Abbey Grange, Ralph Thoresby & Leeds City transition days for Y6 into Y7
Thursday 8 th July	TRAINING DAY – this is the last one to be scheduled this year. We were previously unable to book the training we had planned, which is why this is later notice than usual.
Friday 9 th July *	Role models in sport assembly
Tuesday 13 th July *	(Virtual) visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13 th July *	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 am TBC
13 th & 14 th July *	Carr Manor transition days for Y6 into Y7
Wednesday 14 th July *	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day pm TBC
14 th and 15 th July *	Prince Henry's transition days for Y6 into Y7
Friday 16 th July *	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day am TBC
Tuesday 20 th July *	Year 5/6 Performances to school (pm) and parents/carers (evening) TBC
Wednesday 21 st July *	Leavers' Service (possibly at St Michael's Church) am TBC
Friday 23 rd July *	Last day of term including end of year assembly
Monday 26 th and Tuesday 27 th July	These two days will be taken as Training Days as we have not been able to book our training in person earlier in the year.
	https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates
	* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.