

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New School Year! It is so lovely to see our children back in school and to welcome the children (and staff) who are new to Shire Oak. All our new starters have done well this week and we are particularly proud of our **new Reception Class** who have joined in well, listened to instructions, made friends and shared their learning. Here they are on the carpet doing some singing before their very first school lunch today. They all coped well with going to the hall for dinner and were helped by very sweet and attentive **Year 6 buddies** who chatted to them, cut up food, modelled good manners, helped with trays and clearing up and then took their YR buddy back to the Reception Class outside area.



Thank you for making sure children had **water bottles and suncream** this week. It was a good help in keeping everyone cool enough this week. (It is often sunny when we go back to school, but not as hot as this week has been.) As well as keeping children safe in school, we like to work with you to keep children safe outside school and online. This is why we subscribe to a monthly newsletter with the most up to date information about keeping your **children safe online** and this month's edition is attached to the newsletter email.

We send out this **newsletter** most Fridays. We celebrate learning in school and achievements and events in our school community. We also use it to pass on information you may find useful so please add the address to your 'safe' or 'priority' list of email addresses. At the end of each newsletter is a list of diary dates. We try to keep this as accurate as possible (and highlight changes with a *) so that you can keep your own calendars up to date. The dates up to Christmas have been put in and the rest will be added over the next few newsletters.

Well done to everyone for getting back into school routines so quickly. I hope you all have a good weekend.

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DIARY DATES

7 th - 9 th February 2024	Lineham Farm residential trip for all in Year 4.
Thursday 14 th September *	Meeting for parents in Y3 as part of transition to KS2 (5:30pm in the classroom)
Wednesday 20 th September *	Meeting for Y6 parents about Robinwood residential trip (5:30pm in the classroom)
Tuesday 26 th September *	Maths Puzzle afternoon for Y5 with Lawnswood maths specialist teacher
Wednesday 27 th September *	Meeting for Reception Class parents about reading & writing through phonics. (5pm in the classroom) TBC
Wednesday 27 th September *	Meeting for parents in Y1 as part of transition to KS1 (5:00pm in the classroom)
Friday 29 th September *	Stay and Play for YR, Y1 and Y2. Family can join children in class at the start of the day until c.9:15am.

Friday 29 th September	*	Skateboarding sessions in school (make sure PE kit is in school just in case)
Monday 2 nd October	*	Individual and sibling photo day. (Pre School siblings before school.)
Tuesday 3 rd October	*	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Friday 6 th October	*	Harvest Festival, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (This will be in the hall or outdoors)
Saturday 7 th October	*	FOSOPS Woodland Walk TBC. (This is a great welcome event for new families, particularly our Reception Class.)
Friday 13 th October	*	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y3 friends and family welcome!
w/c 16 th October	*	Year 2 trip to the Railway Museum, TBC
Tuesday 17 th October	*	Cross-Country festival in Otley (a team from Y4) pm
Monday 23 rd October	*	Leeds United working with Y6 from 9:30am.
Tuesday 24 th October	*	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y6 friends and family welcome!
Friday 27 th October	*	TRAINING DAY. School is closed to children. Staff will be doing training in school.
HALF TERM Monday 30 th October to Friday 3 rd November. School is closed to children. Art Camp will be running a holiday club https://www.artcampuk.com		
Thursday 9 th November	*	Homework due in for Years 1 to 6. (See leaflet for confirmation).
Friday 10 th November	*	Diwali Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
13 th – 24 th November	*	Anti Bullying Fortnight. Includes drama workshops (KS2) on the 13 th
w/c 13 th November	*	YR trip to Pizza Express TBC
Friday 17 th November	*	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y2 friends and family welcome!
Tuesday 21 st November	*	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to look round school to see it in action on an ordinary learning day.
Wednesday 22 nd November	*	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school in the grounds.
27 th November onwards	*	Lunchtime choir start carol singing at local care homes, etc. from this week
28 th or 29 th November	*	Shire Oak singing at Headingley Christmas Lights Switch On. St Michael's Church TBC
Friday 1 st December	*	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y5 friends and family welcome!
4 th to 6 th December	*	Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood in Todmorden.
Wednesday 6 th December	*	Meeting for Year 4 parents about Lineham Farm residential, 5pm in the classroom TBC
Friday 8 th December	*	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y4 friends and family welcome!
12 th and 15 th December	*	D:Side sessions on Internet safety
Wed 13 th December	*	Dress rehearsal for YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays
Thursday 14 th December	*	YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Plays YR 9:30 and 1:30. KS1 10:15 and 2:15 TBC
Thursday 14 th December	*	Book Club (mostly Y5) trip to Leeds Playhouse Christmas production, Oliver!
Tuesday 19 th December	*	Carol Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th December	*	School Christmas dinner (packed lunches can book in advance)
Thursday 21 st December	*	Christmas party day including entertainer and party lunch (packed lunches can book in advance or bring their own party food lunchbox)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Mon 25 th to Fri 5 th December. School is closed to children. Art Camp will be running a holiday club		
3 rd to 7 th June	*	Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed and it helps if children are confident so get them practising now!
Tuesday 11 th June	*	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm
Thursday 20 th June	*	Y5/6 Mixed Culley Sevens 1-3pm
Monday 24 th June	*	Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm
Wednesday 26 th June	*	Y5/6 Girls' Contact Festival 1-3pm
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.