

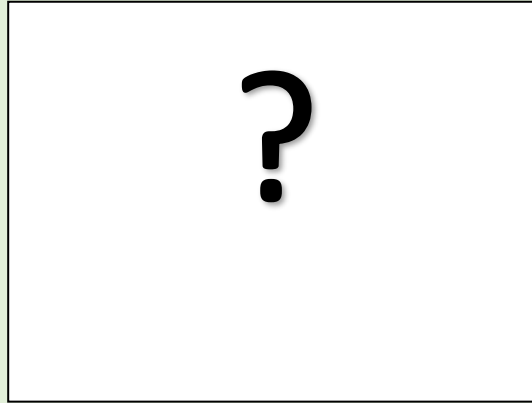


Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

I hope you enjoyed the copy of **The Leaf** that came out earlier this week. This entirely pupil-written, edited and printed newspaper has been a project worked on by children in Year 5 and Year 6. They were completely unaided until the photocopier needed programming! We are so impressed with their initiative and commitment and hope they will manage to produce one more issue before the holidays.

### OUTDOOR AREA REDEVELOPMENT IN RECEPTION Watch this space!



We are thrilled to have been awarded a grant from the **Big Lottery Funding**. With this grant we are planning a partial redevelopment of the outdoor area in the Reception Class. This will include a variety of new play equipment, an artificial surface and other resources to support aspects of the curriculum. We have

agreed a design with Pentagon Play, who have spent time with us understanding the needs of our young children. We feel the design we have come up with is an incredibly exciting and vibrant plan that will revitalize the outdoor learning in Reception.

The project will start on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** and is due to be completed by the end of June. The aim is to carry out alterations with as little disruption to the school day as possible. To ensure the safety of all children during this time part of the playground will be cordoned off. Please could parents ensure that children stay away from the contractor's vehicles and equipment before school and after school.

We are looking forward to the end result and will invite parents to "come, play and learn" as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Mrs Maver or Ms Coulter.

Well done to **Reception Class** for their lovely class assembly yesterday. Highlights included the sharing of their work and photos from the Harewood House trip, their puppet show videos, singing and great hall voices. Thank you to everyone who came and supported them.

Thank you also to everyone who bought lollies and/or donated to **Shelter** on Friday after school. Shelter work with people who are homeless or in vulnerable housing all year round and it felt like a particularly appropriate charity to support in the light of the Grenfell fire last week. We raised £114.16. We were also fundraising at Tuesday night's Movie Night. FOSOPS are currently raising money to develop the quiet area of the playground into a relaxing and peaceful space the children enjoy.

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a full day out yesterday to **Jodrell Bank** (a rather longer trip than planned due to a terribly delayed journey home). They carried out experiments in workshops and either found out about the Mars Rover expeditions, or went to the inflatable planetarium. There was lots of explore in the pavilions and grounds – all in the shadow of the gigantic Lovell telescope – an inspiring day out. Thank you to the staff who supported this trip and to all the parents and carers for being so patient and understanding!



**Penny Vine**, who has an excellent reputation in Leeds as a trainer who really understands children (and their adults) is running a course in September (next door at Wheatfields.) <http://www.pennyvine.com/calm-in-the-storm-responding-with-compassion-to-childrens-intense-emotions/> There is help available with course fees in some circumstances.

*"When he gets in a state, I just don't know what to do."*

*"Sometimes it's just easier to cave in and let her have what she wants, just for a bit of quiet."*

*"I hear the words come out of my mouth before I can stop them. I sound just like my dad."*

**Are you a parent of a toddler or a teenager or are you an educator who has felt frustration, anger, anxiety worry or overwhelm around the intensity of a young child's or teenager's emotions?**

**Have you ever felt unsure of what to do when supporting a child in distress?**

**Or have you ever ended up blaming yourself – full of self judgement?**

**This course is designed to help you stay calm in the middle of the storm.**



If you wander down Alma Road, you may notice an addition to our community – a **Little Free Library**. If you are passing, please feel free to take a book that you like and/or leave a book that you think others might like to read. There is a little notebook inside if you want to write why you have left your book for others to read. It is totally free and the more people who use it, the more lovely books we will share in our part of Headingley.

It was lovely to see so many of you at **Stay and Play** this morning in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our Eid assembly on Friday next week. To everyone celebrating on Sunday or Monday – **Eid Mubarak!**

Have a great weekend.

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#### DIARY DATES

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 trip to Magna
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	* Y4 Rugby team playing Woodlesford after school.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and team photos
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring 30p)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Lawnswood Athletics Festival at Beckett Park (Year 5)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1/2 trip to Filey coming back later to school that day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Girls Rugby Tournament
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	* Transition days for Lawnswood High School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Musicians end of year recital (afternoon)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production.
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for Y6. They will be able to borrow bikes and helmets if necessary. We want as many children as possible to access the training and award.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine) Y5/6 Sports Day will be in the afternoon (if fine). This is a change to the previously published date.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Judo workshops