



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Year 5 and Year 6 recently each enjoyed **The Mummy's Tomb**; an interactive day of history and storytelling. They learned a lot about their Ancient Egyptian topic and had a great time. Thank you to Moveable Feast and to Y5/6 staff for organising the days. I am looking forward to some great writing inspired by the drama.



Year 3 did not know what a wintery week was in store for us when they set off to **Forest School** on Tuesday. They spent their time tracking and identifying footprints in the snow, using ID sheets and their wider knowledge to think about recognising specific differences between similar tracks, likely direction of the animal's movements and other indicators from the environment. They told me they were able to find tracks from water birds, birds of prey and other woodland birds as well as foxes and domestic pets.



As part of their Houses and Homes topic and in assembly and RE lessons, Key Stage One have been thinking about people who do not have a warm, safe home to live in during weather like this. They have decided to raise some money for **Shelter** by doing a sponsored jog. They will bring home information about this separately so please do look out for it and support them if you can.

I would like to say a special thank you to our **Shire Oak staff**. They are a modest bunch, but I am sure that you saw that the overwhelming majority of schools in Leeds were closed on Thursday (and many on Wednesday too.) Every single teacher and virtually every other member of staff made it in to school; many by walking a considerable distance to make sure our site was safe, there were hot dinners, fun playtimes and lots of learning (much of it snow-related!) I am writing this on Thursday evening and we do not yet know what the next days hold in store, but I hope you know that if we do ever have to close, it really is because we can't keep children safe! Well done to our children and families too – attendance was over 2/3s of the school and all suitably dressed. Have a great weekend!



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DIARY DATES

Monday 5 th March	Cricket assembly and sessions for Y1, Y2 and Y3
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Thursday 15 th March	Year 1 and 2 trip to Abbey House Museum for Houses & Homes topic
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 th March	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 1 st April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Tuesday 17 th April	D:side working in classes
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 th April	D:side drugs and alcohol safety sessions in classes
Friday 20 th April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 th April	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 3 rd May	Y3 trip to Temple Newsam
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Thursday 10 th May	Y4 trip to Temple Newsam
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 th May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
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!
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday	
Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th June	Movie Night
Friday 15 th June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
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.
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day
Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
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
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.)