



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

This fortnight I have been very **proud** of so many of our children. A number of children in Year 4 stayed away from family for the first time ever on **residential**. We were very pleased with the move to the centre at Bramhope Scout campsite and

the activities on offer to the children which included low ropes, crate stacking, orienteering, a long, long walk and plenty of games. Thank you so much to the staff who went with them (Miss Koerber, Mrs Maver, Miss Smith, Mr Martin, Miss Turner and Mrs Strange and to the Bramhope and Well Schools staff and other volunteers we roped in). As I explained to the children before they went, I cannot (and would not) direct staff to stay overnight away from their own families and commitments so these trips only run because our staff volunteer their time, energy (and sleep!) when they are able to. Thanks also to Marta in the kitchen who prepared and sent over meals for them.

I was also proud of our **Year 6s** this week. By law all the children in the last year of primary school have to sit statutory assessment tests in English and maths. Although at Shire Oak we aim to keep them very much in perspective and still enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum in Y6, children do know they are doing the tests and from peers outside school they can pick up on the pressure others feel

about them. I am pleased to say that every single child worked very hard this week to show just how much progress they have made from their various starting points and showed great perseverance and resilience – qualities that will follow them much longer than the SATs results will. (Some of our children even sat the tests dealing with injuries and significant worries, not that you would have been able to tell!) The fun of SATs breakfast club (thank you to Mrs Maver and team for sorting this out), Mr Davies' bad jokes, support from home and the promise of a sunny afternoon at Becketts Park today all helped, and now they can concentrate on perfecting their writing portfolios, Bikeability, transition activities and everything else that they will be learning before their move to secondary school.

I am proud of the great number of children in school who have responded positively and with appropriate curiosity following **Deaf Awareness Week**. Many are trying to learn new BSL signs and practise them with each other enthusiastically.

**Year 5** should also be proud of themselves for their conduct on public transport and at the **waste recycling plant** last week – a very interesting trip to an important local landmark.



This morning we were very proud of **Year One** for their lovely **class assembly**. We enjoyed their writing, their work on animals, their singing, their wax resist artwork, science sorting and their great teamwork.

Next week the weather forecast is improving, which is good news for our **Multicultural Food Picnic** after school on Wednesday. Unless the weather is very bad we will be holding the event straight after school. We want to celebrate the different cultures and countries represented in our school community and invite you to bring some food to put on the table for others to try. When we have held these in the past we have been staggered by the range of cuisines represented and enjoyed by our families. It helps keep the event safe for everyone if ingredients are labelled in a way that can easily stay with the dish when the lid is off and if we are mindful of potential cross-contamination. (Although we love all the homemade



# MULTICULTURAL FOOD PICNIC

20TH MAY  
AFTER SCHOOL



food, the odd packaged shop bought contribution can be helpful for children with severe allergies.) Food that can be stored easily at room temperature during the day can be sent in that morning, but anything that needs to be heated or refrigerated until served should be brought towards the end of the day, perhaps before picking up the children, unless otherwise arranged. I am hoping that some volunteers will be joining us in setting up from 2:30 onwards and that there will be some helpers at the end to help us pack away too. Thank you in advance.

PLEASE BRING ALONG:  
A DISH TO SHARE THAT REPRESENTS YOUR CULTURE OR FAVOURITE CUISINE WITH A LABEL LISTING INGREDIENTS (TO HELP WITH ALLERGIES)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
FAMILIES ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US.

BRING A PICNIC BLANKET, ENJOY THE FOOD, AND CELEBRATE OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

The multicultural theme continues on Friday morning at the coffee morning for **parents and carers of multilingual children**. Please see the corrected advert for this event overleaf!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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## Join our coffee morning for multilingual parents and carers



Friday 22 May  
8:50 - 9:50



In the tipi



Bring a reusable cup

FOSOPS would like to host a coffee morning for parents and carers of children growing up with more than one language, or where another language is spoken at home.

We hope to provide a friendly, welcoming environment to come together, connect, and talk openly about supporting children's language development and provide positive recognition around raising multilingual children.



### DIARY DATES

w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Multicultural picnic after school THIS IS CONFIRMED UNLESS THERE'S VERY BAD WEATHER
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOSOPS coffee morning for parents/carers of multilingual children in the tipi 08:50-9:50
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from Y5 this time please)
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM School closed to children. There will be a holiday playscheme.	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Green Week including Road Safety, special visitors,
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3 trip to Otley Chevin
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 session with Global Learning Leeds. Please save Tetrapaks for this workshop.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	YR & Y1 balance bikes day. Y2 – scooter and bike training. (Please bring in a bike (no stabilisers) or scooter today. Class will be split into 2 sessions, so it may be possible to borrow from a classmate if you ask in advance. Let us know asap if there's a problem.)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	RSE parents meeting for Y5/6 (optional) 5pm TBC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Climate Fresk session with Valeria
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 and Y4 sessions with Liam (Natural England) TBC
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	House Team Green Week activities afternoon
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Youth Summit at the Civic Hall (small group of children)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	* Reception Class trip to Bramhope
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit by Lawnswood School to incoming Year 7s
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY. School closed to children.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in return for tombola prizes for HYMF
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Climate Justice art exhibition in Leeds (small group of children)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school (buns from YR this time please)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 trip to Water Treatment Works
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents meeting am and evening TBC

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (HYMF) 12-4pm. All our children are in the choir and many will be in other performances. We host and run this event for the community, which incorporates our summer fair. Please avoid booking birthday parties, etc. on this day.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Rugby match against Whinmoor after school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 sharing assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 rugby team in Leeds finals 1pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 and Y6 trip to Filey (returning after end of the school day) TBC
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition day for children moving to Y7 at Lawnswood School and our in-school transition day with sessions for incoming Reception.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Music Recitals and 9:15 and 2pm. TBC
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	YR/1/2 Sports Day c. 9:15am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day 1:15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal to rest of school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production pm and evening (ticketed entrance to one of the shows)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available after school to drop in and discuss end of year reports
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSOPS ice cream sale after school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 leavers' ten pin bowling trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term. Acorn Club finishes early today.

DATES: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates>

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is to be confirmed and may have to change.

**SHIRE OAK PRIMARY**  
**MAY HALF TERM**  
**ACTIVE**  
**CAMP**

**CAMP INCLUDES**

- ✓ Lots of Games, sports, crafts, activities and FUN!!!
- ✓ Delivered by minimum level 2 sports coaches
- ✓ Theme Days!!!
- ✓ Staff trained in First Aid and Safeguarding

**DATES**  
 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**TIME**  
 8:30am - 5pm

Scan the QR Code for pricing & bookings

If you are intending to pay using tax-free childcare vouchers then please use [this link](#) to book instead.