



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

How lovely it has been to see children's **writing** in school this week and see the progress that they have been making. On Wednesday we met up with colleagues from local primary schools to moderate our teacher assessments of writing and were pleased with the confirmation of our judgements.



Sunday was a very rainy and busy day, with many of our children going to the Leeds Rhinos netball match. Despite that, some families were able to join the congregation of St Michael's Church in the morning for the annual **Shire Oak Sunday** service. I received lots of compliments on the contributions our children made, particularly the Year 6s who did the reading, wrote and read the prayers and took the offering up to the altar. A group from school visited the church on Friday afternoon to arrange the flowers for the service and were reportedly delightful! All the children who took part in singing the Hallelujah anthem with the choir did a wonderful job and I was very proud of them. Which leads me to my next item...



The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Leeds Al Garthwaite

invites all the children of Shire Oak to sing at her

Thanksgiving Service.

Sunday 12th May 2024 at Leeds Minster 5.30pm - 6.30pm

followed by a buffet and tombola.

Al Garthwaite has been the **Lord Mayor of Leeds** this year and this is the celebration of that year and a fundraiser for her chosen charities. She has chosen our school to sing at her special service as she is going to be our local authority governor when her mayoral term ends. All the children will know what we are singing as we are practising in assemblies already. This may need some planning due to half marathon road closures, but it would be great to have a large choir.

On Wednesday Y2 have had a very special morning immersing themselves in learning about the **Great Fire of London** with Alive and Kicking. With authentic-looking artefacts and engaging drama activities this historical event was brought to life.





Ian Martin writes: Thank you to **FOSOPS** and all who have supported them for helping us improve the experiences of children in having fun moving their bodies in PE, at playtimes, in after school clubs and at events with other schools. FOSOPS funding now means we have a new outdoor PE shed to help us better organise our updated, better quality and wider range of equipment, a school flag to under which to gather at cross country and other events and a pair of new appropriately sized posts to help our netball club develop their skills.

Staff in school and FOSOPS members have also been working together to develop ideas, commission plans and raise funds to improve our spaces at the back of school for year-round physical literacy, including fixed goal ends, artificial surfaces and playground equipment. We are now at the stage where we have some concepts from equipment providers and we need help for the next stage, especially in making grant applications and in managing projects. If you are able to help and would like to join a small group from around the school community, please contact Ian Martin in the Year 3 classroom or via the school office.

Today your child will come home with a **data collection sheet** and details of the medical information we have on file. Please, please check this all carefully and make sure we have the correct information for your child recorded. Even if you have discussed medical issues with a member of staff before, if they are not on the information sent home to you now, they are not properly recorded in school. To keep everyone safe and make sure that children get the correct care in an emergency it is vital that information about allergies and medical conditions is up to date. We appreciate your cooperation in returning these promptly to school.

Our **school rugby league club** has been busy this week: Y5/6 summer term training got off to a good start with help from Duke of Edinburgh scheme volunteers from Lawnswood School. Yesterday our Y4 girls and boys were winners of the Leeds North West tag rugby tournament at Yarnbury RFC! Great teamwork 😊

Very well done to **Reception Class** for their lovely assembly this morning. We enjoyed their confident sharing of their learning and particularly their enthusiastic talk for writing and love of dinosaurs! Thank you to everyone who came to watch them.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.
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Shire Oak CE Primary School Rugby Lea...
 @ShireOakRLFC

What a brilliant start to our final term of Y5/6 rugby league club at @shireoakce this year! The players not only had smiles on their faces throughout but remembered very quickly so many of the skills we have been working on both in attack & defence. Well played team.



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Congratulations to our Y4 @shireoakce girls & boys, winners of the @LeedsNWSSP tag rugby tournament at @YarnburyRFC. Thank you to Natalie, Mrs Woodruff, our fellow schools & all the organisers. Lots of fun, lots of encouragement, lots of tries!



DIARY DATES

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. School will be closed the 6th May for one day.

Sunday 12 th May		Rob Burrows marathon St Michael's will be open as a base for anyone wanting to watch
Sunday 12 th May	*	Thanksgiving Service at Leeds Minster for the Mayor, Al Garthwaite. We are one of two schools invited to come and sing! The service is 5:30-6:30pm but there may be a short rehearsal immediately beforehand. More details to follow.
13 th to 17 th May		KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
Tuesday 14 th May	*	Y5 walk to Oakfield Terrace for local history study
Friday 17 th May		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All Y1 friends and family welcome!

Friday 17 th May	*	YR and Y4 trip to Tropical World
HALF TERM. School will be closed Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May. https://artcampuk.com/ will run a playscheme		
3 rd to 7 th June		Green Week, including pedestrian and scooter training
3 rd to 7 th June		Bikeability training for Year 6. This will include road cycling if the assessment is passed!
Tuesday 4 th June		Y3 trip to Otley Chevin TBC
Wednesday 5 th June		Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby qualifiers 1-3pm NEW DATE
Wednesday 5 th June		R&S Education meeting for Y5 and Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 6 th June		Class and staff photo day
Tuesday 11 th June		Y5 trip to the water treatment plant
Wednesday 12 th June		TRAINING DAY. School closed to children. Staff working offsite.
Thursday 13 th June		Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 14 th June		Non uniform day (in return for a tombola present for HYMF, thank you)
Wednesday 19 th June	*	Y3 Egyptian historical artefacts session
Wednesday 19 th June	*	Madhatter's Tea Party school lunch
Thursday 20 th June		New Reception parents/carers meeting (am and evening)
Friday 21 st June		Y5 trip to the recycling plant
Saturday 22 nd June		Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4pm. This is our gift to the community and also our summer fair. All children in school are in our choir that performs, as do Y4 djembe players and other musicians. (Please avoid booking parties today!)
Friday 28 th June		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All friends and family of Y3 welcome!
Wednesday 3 rd July		Transition day (children meeting their new teachers and visiting new classrooms)
Thursday 4 th July		Music Recital am. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July		KS2 webinar with Laura Ellen Anderson to launch the summer reading challenge.
Monday 8 th July		Y5/6 Girls' Tag Final stages (at Headingley) 1-3pm NEW DATE
Tuesday 9 th July	*	Paris Olympics Day at Guiseley – group from Y4
Mon 15 th & Tues 16 th July		Sports Days TBC
Wednesday 17 th July		Y5/6 production to rest of school
Thursday 18 th July		Y5/6 production to friends and family, all welcome! (evening)
Monday 22 nd July		Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, 10:30am. All welcome!
Tuesday 23 rd July		Y6 Leavers' trip
SUMMER HOLIDAY. Art Camp are running a playscheme on our site during the holidays. https://artcampuk.com/		
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.



← Reception Class ready for their sharing assembly

Year 2 drama about the Great Fire of London ↑