



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

I hope you all had a **refreshing half term** and recharged the family's batteries before these busy last weeks of the school year.

Well done to **Reception Class** for such a lovely **assembly** yesterday. They have clearly been enjoying learning all about animals (the topic they chose) and impressed us with their speaking, singing, storytelling, painting and writing. No wonder they looked so proud of themselves! Thank you to the friends and family who were able to join them this morning. (Apologies that I was too busy smiling and clapping to remember to take photos.)

Congratulations to our deputy head, **Marcelle Maver**, who has been nominated for **Leeds Beckett University Mentor of the Year** award. It is great to see her skill, patience and generosity honoured in this way and is a good recommendation as we embark on becoming the lead school of the local Springboard Initial Teacher Training Cluster. (Applications are soon closing for 2019-2020, but do let people know that we are running a School Direct PGCE course in conjunction with Leeds Beckett University and other local schools to give high quality teacher training that suits trainees with relevant prior experience and an ability to hit the ground running.)

Susan Koyuncu in the office has asked me to let you know that **school dinners** in KS2 will cost £88.80 for those paying for the rest of term. Catherine Taylor, our school cook, met with School Council recently to get their views on our meals. They were very complimentary, but wanted an easy to read menu on display so they could start to think about their choices before getting to the counter. They also wanted to be able to let her know about their favourite (and least favourite) meals so she is setting up a suggestion box too.

Well done to all the children who showed their **homework projects** in assembly this week. There were lots of inventive and very personal ideas to be seen. Well done too to the children whose work wasn't shown; we have enjoyed looking at them all. Particularly well done to those who completed their projects *and* remembered to do the most important homework of all – daily reading and practising of Maths Passport facts.



Very soon it is **Headingley Youth Music Festival** (Saturday 15th June 12-4pm). This is a Shire Oak event that we offer as our gift to the community, to tie in with the wider Headingley Music Festival. This year our theme is 'Out of this World' so we are looking forward to launching rockets and creating giant bubbles as well as listening to great music from local high schools, our own children and other young people. As usual all our children are in the choir which will be performing at around 1pm. Year 4 will kick the festival off at 12 with their djembe playing. Children in the combined school band, the newly named Steel Acorns and finalists in Shire Oak's Got Talent will all be performing too. All children who perform will be able to celebrate with a free go on the bouncy castle or the 75 foot 'toxic waste' bouncy obstacle course. Music and science activities are free, but if possible please bring a little spending money for refreshments, etc. as this is our major fundraiser of the year, and in these times of budget cuts it is more important than ever to find funding for the experiences that enrich our school curriculum. Attached to this newsletter is a poster – we would appreciate it if you could help us publicise the event. There is a facebook event <http://tiny.cc/HYMF19> and Twitter account [@H_YMusicFest](https://twitter.com/H_YMusicFest) so users of social media can spread the word to friends and family too. Thank you.

Finally, many of you will have heard that **Carry Franklin** the force of nature behind the Leeds Little Free Libraries and good friend to Shire Oak passed away this week after a long illness. There is a Leeds-wide plan to decorate the libraries today with fairy lights in her honour, but as they won't be easy to see at the time our children go to bed we are going to join in by making flower garlands instead. Anyone who would like to join us please come to Year 4 at the end of the day.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Tuesday 11 th June	YAMSEN choir rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th June	* Surfers Against Sewage talk for Y2
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Thursday 13 th June	Planetarium in school for Y5/6 Starlight topic
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House and gardens TBC
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Thursday 20 th June	* Clean Air Day
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 24 th June	Y6 visit to Leeds City College TBC
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week (including Ofrenda, community picnic, Vicar and Imam assembly and trips to places of worship)
Tuesday 25 th June	YAMSEN choir performance
Wednesday 26 th June	The Big Play concert (Year 4 playing at Pudsey)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Filey TBC
Tues 2 nd & Wed 3 rd July	Lawnswood transition days for Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	* Assembly about the Leeds libraries summer reading challenge
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Friday 12 th July	* Y5 trip to Lawnswood for Maths Puzzle morning
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening 6pm
Thursday 11 th July	Author visit to Year 1 (Yasmeen Ismail)
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	* Y5 trip to Yeadon Tarn
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
Wednesday 16 th October	Skylar's Missing Note music concert
Friday 25 th October	* TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 6 th November	Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 19 th December	Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking)
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March	* Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
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* 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 Hincliffe.

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

IN THE GROUNDS OF SHIRE OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL



**JUNE
15**

FREE ENTRY

12-4

HEADINGLEY YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

OUT OF THIS WORLD

**live mainstage * rocket-making * music & science workshops
toxic obstacle course * bbq * face painting * storytelling**