



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

I am so glad the weather held for the **Woodland Walk** on Saturday. Thank you to Marcelle Maver, Beth Dalton and the FOSOPS volunteers who made sure everyone was able to have a good time and get to know each other. It was also good to see Reception and KS1 parents and carers getting to know each other and the staff in school at **Stay and Play** this morning.

As I finish this newsletter there are some very strange sounds coming from the hall! Year 6 certainly seem to be enjoying their special **Viking Day** and are learning a lot through artefacts about the historical invasion and settlement of Britain. Some of them have even taken the opportunity to make some very inventive costumes!



Well done to everyone taking part in sporting events this week. Mrs Mitchell's **Y5&6 netball club** participated in a special netball festival at St Mary's Menston on Tuesday after school. They learned new skills and even won their two friendly matches. A small group of children from Year 4 were able to take part in a 7-a-side friendly **football match** at Horsforth Newlaithes. They played well as a team and secured a 2 all draw.



Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff who work with them. Year 6 monitors write down the comments on certificates as they are given out. This week the focus was on mathematicians – those who set a high standard for their year group and those who are improving the most.
YR (Thames)	Caterina worked hard to create a really brilliant pattern. Zella made an amazing complicated pattern using the autumn treasures.
Y1 (Nile)	Elijah is becoming a more independent learner in maths. Indya has a great attitude to her learning and will challenge herself in maths.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Gino is making fantastic progress in maths. He is very focused during 'flashback four' and always puts his hand up to answer questions. Josh is a superstar because he sets a high standard in maths. He gives thorough explanations to 'let's go deeper' problems.
Y3 (Rhine)	Gene is working hard at his maths, showing interesting understanding and more clearly explaining his reasoning. Marnie is working hard thinking deeply and maintaining a consistently high standard in maths.
Y4 (Ganges)	Agata is working hard in maths and showing consistent, accurate and careful calculations. Kobi is working very hard in maths and focusing consistently to use knowledge of place value to help work out tricky questions.
Y5 (Tigris)	Stan shows a positive attitude and always contributes in maths. Effie always has a positive attitude towards maths learning and tries her best.
Y6 (Amazon)	Gracie is a superstar because she is making great progress in maths. Poppy is producing a high level in maths.
Citizen of the Week was the whole of Year 4 . They were nominated by Mrs Maver for understanding, upholding and explaining the school values. Well done!	

Have a lovely weekend.

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Message from **Rainbow Junktion** last week: A massive thank you to everyone for their Harvest offerings. Rainbow Junktion were very short of food stocks today and were very, very grateful for the contribution from Shire Oak. Some of the food will be used today to help folk who need it!



DIARY DATES

Monday 14 th October *	Fireworks/bonfire safety talk to Y5 and Y6 by the Fire Service
Tuesday 15 th October pm	KS2 Cross Country running competition
Tuesday 15 th October 5pm	Herd Farm Residential trip meeting for Y4 parents/carers in the classroom
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents and Carers Evening 1 (booking for a slot opens nearer the time)
Thursday 17 th October *	Football match (away) v Ireland Wood after school.
Friday 18 th October 9am	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 18 th October *	Hot chocolate sale straight after school, in the hall.
Tuesday 22 nd October 9am	Y2 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents and Carers Evening 2
Wednesday 23 rd October	House Team Hobby Half Day – orienteering and mapwork focus Y1-Y6
Friday 25 th October	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
HALF TERM no school for children Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov. Art Camp will be running a holiday playscheme.	
w/c 4 th November	Black History focus visits to the library
Friday 8 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 11 th November	KS2 drama workshops as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight which starts today
Monday 11 th November	An age appropriate act of remembrance will take place in school
Tuesday 12 th November	Individual photo day (prints will be back in good time for Christmas presents) s
Friday 15 th November	Y6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
18 th & 19 th November	D:Side Internet Safety sessions
Tuesday 19 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
Wed 20 th November	Winter Festival of Fire, straight after school. All welcome!
Friday 22 nd November	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 26 th November	Headingley Lights Switch On TBC
Thursday 28 th November	Y3 sports festival at Leeds University
Friday 29 th November	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
2 nd to 4 th December	Y6 at Robinwood Residential school trip
Thursday 5 th December	Carol singing at Victoria Court 11am
Friday 6 th December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 9 th December *	Carol singing at Headingley Library, am.
Tuesday 10 th December	School nurses (flu spray)
Wed 11 th December	School nurses to visit YR and Y6 vision and growth checks
Wed 11 th December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe, pm.
Thursday 12 th December	R, Y1 and Y2 performing nativities to rest of school
Friday 13 th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativities to parents and carers am and pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church am, all welcome.
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas school lunch (children who are on packed lunches can book this in advance)
Wed 18 th December *	Christmas Discos and Reception Class movie night R/KS1 3:45- 4:45 & KS2 5-6pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd December to 3 rd January. Art Camp my offer activities	
Thursday 9 th January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
13-15 th January	Y4 at Herd Farm Residential school trip
Friday 17 th January	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 20 th January	WW2 day (online) Y6
Wednesday 22 nd January	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Friday 31 st January	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 3 rd February	Canals & Rivers Trust water safety assemblies
Tuesday 4 th February	Y5 trip to York
Tuesday 4 th February	Reception Class parents meeting about maths 2:15 TBC
Friday 7 th February	Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th February	Y4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
HALF TERM no school for children 17 th to 21 st February. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Friday 28 th February	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day

Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday pancake day sale after school
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up as a favourite character, etc. TBC)
Friday 7 th March	Y5 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
10 th and 11 th March	Science workshops as part of British Science Week
Friday 14 th March	Shire Oak science fair as part of British Science Week
Sunday 16 th March	Shire Oak Sunday 10am – all welcome to join this All Age Service at St Michael's
27 th & 28 th March	Easter visits to St Michael's Church TBC this week or next week
Thursday 3 rd April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to the rest of school
Friday 4 th April	Y3 and Y4 Easter production to parents, carers, etc.
EASTER HOLIDAY no school for children 7 th April to 21 st April. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
Tuesday 22 nd April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
23 rd , 24 th & 25 th April	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons
28 th and 29 th April	D:Side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drug safety
Friday 2 nd May	YR Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th May	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
12 th to 16 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6
Friday 16 th May	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
19 th – 23 rd May	Bikeability training & assessment for Y6. Start building cycling confidence to be ready!
Friday 23 rd May	Y3 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st May	NSPCC workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 TBC
HALF TERM no school for children 26 th to 30 th May. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
2 nd to 6 th June	Green Week, including pedestrian, scooter and bike safety. TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	House Team Hobby Half Day TBC
Wednesday 4 th June	RSE information meeting for parents in Y5 and Y6 5pm TBC
Thursday 5 th June	Class photo day
Friday 6 th June	Year 5 trip to the recycling plant
Wednesday 11 th June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Thursday 12 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 13 th June	Non uniform day in return for an item (or two) for the HYMF tombola please
Tuesday 17 th June	Meeting for new parents/carers of Reception intake 2025 followed by home visits
Tuesday 17 th June *	Y5 trip to water treatment plant pm.
Saturday 21 st June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
30 th June – 11 th July	Learning through Sport Fortnight
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition visits to new classes (1 st and 2 nd Lawnswood transition days)
Friday 4 th July	Music recital for children learning an instrument in or out of school 9:30am
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day Y5/6 @1:15pm TBC
Tuesday 8 th July	Sports Day YR/1/2 @9:15am TBC
Wednesday 9 th July	Sports Day Y3/4 @1:15pm TBC
14 th – 18 th July	Y2 Intensive Swimming course, followed by weekly lessons all year in Y3
Wednesday 16 th July	Y5/6 production to rest of school & grandparents/carers of alternate roles
Thursday 17 th July	Y5/6 production to parents and carers evening
Monday 21 st July	Leavers' Service 10:30am at St Michael's Church
Tuesday 22 nd July	Leavers' ten pin bowling trip
SUMMER HOLIDAY no school for children 23 rd July to 29 th August. Art Camp will run a playscheme.	
TERM 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 set to be confirmed and may have to change.