



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

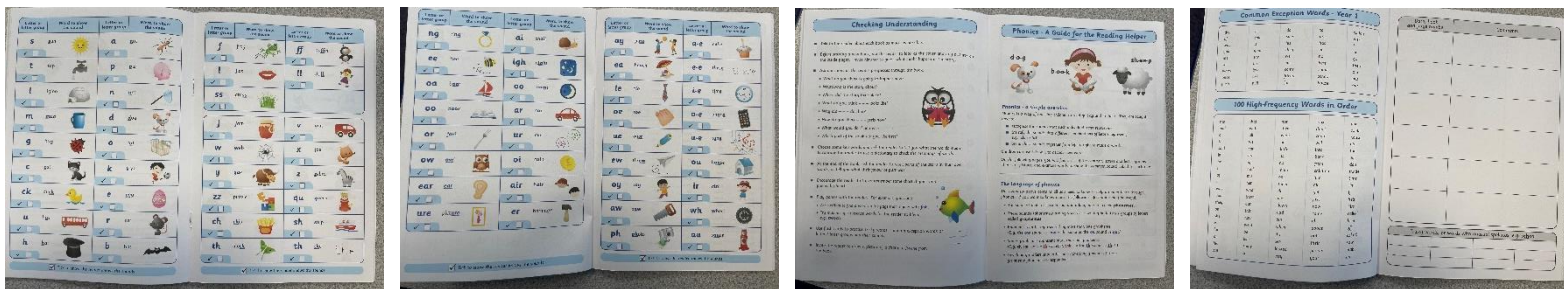
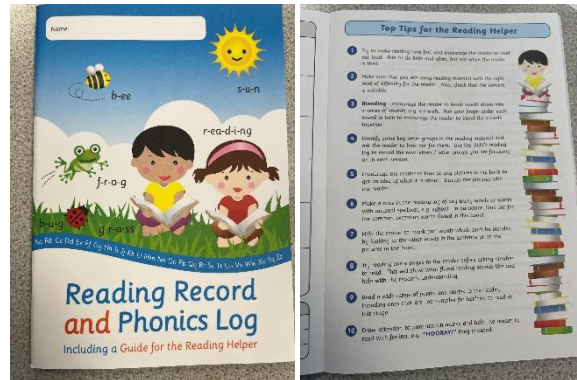
I hope you had a lovely bank holiday weekend and were able to enjoy the sunshine before the dramatic downturn on Monday evening!



Despite being a four day week, I have seen lots of lovely learning in school and particularly some great **maths problem-solving**. We are encouraging children to explain their mathematical reasoning when answering questions, so please do that too when possible! (← Y2, Y4 and Y3)

We have also been practising singing, 'One More Step Along the World I Go' together and it sounds good. We have been invited to sing at the **Thanksgiving Service** for the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Al Garthwaite, who has been in post this year. The service is from 5:30pm until 6:30pm but will be followed by a buffet and tombola which families are very welcome to stay for. We are not asking children to wear school uniform, but they may 'dress up' as it is a special, civic occasion. Children will sit with their families and then come out to the front when it is our turn to sing. (The words will be printed in the order of service so others can join in with us.) I know it may be a bit tricky with the road closures due to the half marathon ([list here](#)) but it would be good to have a great choir turn out for this special event.

At the **governors'** teaching, learning and pupil support committee this week, reading was discussed. Parent governors were keen to know how parents are informed about how to help their children when **learning to read**. I thought it might be useful to remind all parents about the Reading Records we have in YR, Y1, Y2 and for some children at the start of Y3. As well as providing space to record children's reading at home, it has helpful information about the phonic sounds, key words to learn and tips for reading with your child/ren. As our homework leaflet says, reading is part of the regular essential homework that supports children's learning. A daily reading habit is best and this includes being read to or reading together, as well as listening to children read. Recording daily reading can be onerous, but making sure children read their home reader at least three times a week and writing that in the record is very helpful. We are trying to build **fluency** in children's reading, so their home reader may not represent the most challenging text they can read. That is why we also have the library books that children can choose to read for information or pleasure and we are always happy for you to write about books they have read at home as well.



Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the new School Comms app. We have conducted a best value exercise and are swapping over to save money and to more easily provide messages to *all* contacts rather than just the first named contact which we hope will help families to share the parenting admin load more fairly! If you have continued difficulties downloading the app, please come to see us in the office to see if we can help and to make sure we can still stay in touch.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see many of you on Sunday!

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PS FOSOPS are meeting this afternoon to plan our summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival – do come along if you are interested!

DIARY DATES

Friday 10 th May	*	FOSOPS meeting at 2:30pm to plan the summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
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.
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 picnic and bonfire TBC
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.