



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you so much that so many of you were able to come and join us to celebrate our **school's 10th anniversary (birthday) party**. Thank you also for the wonderfully generous donations of gorgeous food and loans of picnic blankets. Particular and grateful thanks are due to all the parents and staff who worked so hard to decorate the site, organise the food, make the 10th anniversary display in the hall, take the photos, bake all the birthday cakes, fix the flagpole, sew us a new flag, put up the gazebos, move the furniture and clear up afterwards! (We still have blankets and tins to return.)

At the party School Councillors and Greg Mulholland MP opened our **presents to ourselves**. These are murals of our 6 key values which last year's classes from Year 1 to Year 6 worked on with Ms Virgin, who teaches art in KS2.

Year 1's value is **kindness**. They used the theme of the caring tree they had in Y1 and added images of kindness like creatures looking after their young, people helping someone who has fallen off their scooter, etc.

Year 2s value is **love**. They chose to make a mosaic heart, with other smaller pictures hidden in the tilework.

Year 3s value is **trust**. They made little models of people in trusting situations like a blind person and their dog, friends sharing personal things, children trusting their adults and the Shire Oak colours to show it is a place they can trust.

Year 4s value is **respect**. The hands represent all the differences in people and that we respect these, "You, me, all of us!" They particularly identified different religions in this. The prayer bracelet reminds us to respect.

Year 5s value is **forgiveness**. The children thought of different symbols of forgiveness and decided that swans were a strong image of peace. One is holding an olive branch in its beak.

Year 6's value is **compassion** and last year's Y6 articulated strong compassionate messages when they were talking about their plans for this work and so in the end they made a big speech bubble reminding us that whilst we can't take the pain away, we can show compassion in different situations with things we can do and say.



Year 5 are well underway with their special **Wordsworth poetry work**. Anna Fleming, who works with the University of Leeds and with the Wordsworth Trust, is coming in regularly to explore the poems of Wordsworth in reading groups with Year 5 children. The project will culminate in an exhibition in Leeds University that showcases the response of the children and older people from Caring Together to Wordsworth's poetry.



Year 3 enjoyed their trip yesterday to **Thackray Medical Museum** to support their topic 'Humans and Other Animals'. Here are photos – taken by Ben and Rowan – of Pete the Polar Bear on the bus with R and L, G on the toilet in the Lifezone (!) and J learning about the roles of different teeth during their workshop. Thanks Year 3 for the contribution to the newsletter 😊



Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for **Stay and Play** this week in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2. Thanks also to the parents and grandparents who came to the Phonics, Reading and Writing meeting in Reception Class last night. We want you to know how we help your child to learn and how we can work together so we enjoy opportunities like these to talk to you and hear from you about your child's learning.

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Class	Well done to this week's Superstars and Superstars from the 13 th of September who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Are not yet coming to this assembly.
Y1 (Nile)	Isabel is a smart learner. She listens carefully and follows instructions. Luke is always ready to start his learning. Edie B consistently listens, follows instructions and does her best. Charlie is following instructions and doing his best.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Rylan has a great positive attitude to school and he tried hard to produce some great writing yesterday! Joel has come back to school with a great attitude. Eva is always ready to learn and has produced some fantastic work in maths and English. Dilraaj is always ready to work and is showing a very mature attitude in English.
Y3 (Rhine)	Georgia is concentrating well on her learning and is always determined to do her best work. Hunter thought about our class river and wrote a clear and interesting information text about it.
Y4 (Ganges)	Kyarna has started Y4 with a positive approach and is working well with her classmates. Alfie has settled in to Y4 with a great attitude and is focusing well on his work. Rudee is 'getting' the short method for multiplication. Taya is settling in very well to Shire Oak.
Y5 (Tigris)	Naomi you persevered to overcome a challenge in your writing. Benji you are always doing your best to make good choices and be a positive role model. Cristina you always put top effort into all of your work.

Y6 (Amazon)	Hamza had a very positive and mature start to Y6. Marcus has shown a switched on attitude to his learning – always ready to sit up smartly and listen. Django for his enthusiastic and focused work in science, making and drawing electrical circuits. Keira for her enthusiasm and positive attitude to her learning.
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Citizen of the Week was **Hamza** who was nominated by **Mr Davies** for seeing that someone was hurt and coming straight over to check he was ok and help him up and into school. This week the **Citizen of the Week** was **Cristina** who was nominated by **Mia and Imana** because she has had a really nice start to the year and is focused, fun to play with, is putting all her effort in and helps others when they're stuck. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

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Local residents on Alma Road have been in touch to complain about illegal parking on double yellow lines/zigzag markings, parking on pavements and over driveways, etc. and they are worried about mentioning it to parents who may be rude to them. Please help us improve our reputation with our neighbours and model consideration and respect to our children.

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 Hilary Whitehead.

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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 5 th October	School photo day (individual and siblings)
Friday 7 th October	Year 1 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 7 th October	Visit from Panamanian teachers
Thursday 13 th October	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 14 th October	Harvest Festival, in the hall, 9am. All welcome. (We bring gifts of food to donate.)
Tues 18 th & Wed 19 th Oct	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Wednesday 19 th October	Flu immunisation Years 1, 2 and 3.
Thursday 20 th October	Year 4 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 24 th to Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM. School closed to children – Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 31 st October	TRAINING DAY school closed to children. We will be working on maths with the other Headingley primary schools.
Saturday 5 th November *	Bonfire at school. 3-5pm with hot food, glow sticks, etc. A lovely small scale
Mon 7 th to Fri 11 th November	Green Week – a themed week about the environment. All good ideas welcomed!
Wednesday 9 th November	House Team Hobby Half Day
Tuesday 15 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Monday 14 th November *	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics competition at Prince Henry's school in Otley. 4.45-6pm. Monday 14 th Nov 4.45-6.00pm
Thursday 17 th November	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 18 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 rd November	Festival of Fire after school
Thursday 24 th November	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (TBC)
Friday 25 th November	d:side Internet Safety sessions for KS2
Mon 28 th Nov to Fri 2 nd Dec	Internet Safety week in school
Thursday 1 st December	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 6 th December	Dress rehearsal for the Reception and KS1 Christmas nativity productions
Wednesday 7 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativities.

Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th December	Robinwood Residential for all Year 6 children
Tuesday 13 th December	School carol service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. 10:30am.
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper day
Mon 19 th Dec to Mon 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 3 rd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Friday 13 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 th January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 27 th February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 th March *	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 th March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Fri 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4. All children perform c. 2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

