



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Mrs Maver says thank you to **Y4** for a lovely **class assembly** this morning: It was great to see so many friends and family who came to share with us all the lovely learning they have been doing. The highlight was seeing your volcano erupt and of course hearing all about your trip to Bewerley Park, from the photography it looked like a wonderful learning experience. Other highlights were your capable shopping in French and demonstrations of how to do a triple jump in PE. Well done! There will be another chance for Year 4 to show off their performance skills soon as they are the opening act at **Headingley Youth Music Festival** next weekend, playing their **djembes**. (As they are performing straight away at 12 please could they arrive a little before that so they can collect their drum and be calm and ready?) If it is impossible for your child to attend, please make sure you let Mr Marshall know so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you.

All children in school are learning ‘Can you hear my voice?’ and other songs to be part of a **Big Sing** together at the music festival. Children from all the Headingley schools will sing together at 2pm and we hope that it will be a big choir. In previous years some of our children have not performed at the last minute because they are excited by the other distractions or get a little nervous. It would be great if parents could really encourage children to take part so that they get their own sense of achievement as well as helping the group effort. There will be additional chances for children to perform at the festival too. Children are busily practising their **Shire Oak’s Got Talent** pieces at lunchtime with Mrs Firth. The overall winner will perform on the mainstage on Saturday 13th, but all the commended runners up will be given a slot on this year’s new **Café Stage** in the hall playing to people who are enjoying a drink and a cake, making things on the craft stall, etc. If any other children in school would like to perform a piece or sing a song that they have practised they should see me or Mrs Maver to ask for a slot. Older children will have the chance to sign up for **Rock School** who will be working with the children during the festival and then performing at 3:40pm.

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations today for the **Rainbow tombola** for the Music Festival. Although children at Shire Oak tend to be proud of their uniforms it is always a treat to wear something different and we thought it would help the children to remember to look for something they could bring in.

Year 6 have been busy advertising this afternoon’s **bun sale** and the posters they have created have been eye-catching. Many of them have been very funny, demonstrating Year 6’s particular brand of surreal humour!

Children from across school have been busy this week getting ready for **Shire Oak Sunday**. Each month in term time St Michael’s Church have an All- Age Service, and once a year we are invited to contribute a presentation. This year we are explaining our motto, **Rooted in the Community, Growing for the Future**. All families are welcome to join us. The service starts at 10am and it does not matter if they haven’t practised – they can have a role if they think about what communities they belong to and what they want to do when they grow up. Children can wear their own clothes, school uniform or something that shows a community they belong to (e.g. a Brownie uniform or a sports kit). They can bring something to show if they aren’t wearing something (e.g. a candle from their own place of worship, a badge from their club, etc.) Refreshments are served afterwards in the Parish Centre and there is usually a small Fairtrade stall there too.

This week **Year 5** enjoyed some **special problem-solving activities** on The Ridge. They had difficult clues to follow linked to a drama and they had to work well as a team and individually to be able to complete the course. Thank you to Dave Bache for organising it and to all the adults from school who supported the groups. Some children

Checklist

- Headingley Youth Music Festival 12-4 on Saturday 13th June
 - All of **Year 4** playing the djembe at 12 o’clock at the Music Festival
 - **Whole school** Big Sing at 2pm at the festival (with other Headingley schools)
 - **Rock School** letter coming home next week to sign up
 - If your child would like to sing or perform on the Café Stage please let me or Mrs Maver know as soon as possible please
- Shire Oak Sunday 10am (7th June) all families welcome, all children can take part if they would like to.
- Year 5 parents talk to children about this week’s challenges
- If you pay for school dinners half termly the cost for this half term is £82.80.

found it very hard to do an activity where they didn't know straight away what the answer was or if they were on the right lines. If you're a Y5 parent it would be helpful if you could follow this activity up by talking to your child about what they found hard, what strategies they used to be able to keep going and how our school work on **Growth Mindsets** might help them welcome such challenges and find ways to persevere.

I hope to see some of you on Sunday. Have a great weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Sunday 7 th June	Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Monday 8 th June	Y6 Ancient Egyptians workshops.
Thursday 11 th June	Y5 Athletics Competition, organised by Lawnswood at Becketts Park. 9:30-1:30
Friday 12 th June	'When Trolls try to eat your Goldfish' music & poetry production by Dominic Berry brought to us by Headingley Music Festival. 10:30am.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak
Monday 15 th June	Y5 special visitor – Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell
Tuesday 16 th June	Y3/4 trio to Magna for Extreme Earth topic
Tuesday 16 th June	Reception Class to Beckett's University Discovery Garden
Wednesday 17 th June	Class photos
Thursday 18 th June	Nurses visiting Year 6
Monday 22 nd June	Reception class trip to Tropical World
Monday 22 nd June	Y4 rugby tournament at Woodlesford Primary School after school
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 to Leeds City museum (Egyptians)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Sunday 28 th June	Headingley Open Gardens – we are on the trail! 2pm-5pm.
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Wednesday 1 st July	* Transition Day – children will meet their new teachers for September.
Friday 3 rd July	Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre (Egyptians topic)
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th July	Community Week including the Listening Yurt and painting the shed at HEART
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Sports Days times tbc
Tues 7 th & Wed 8 th July	Leeds Listening Yurt comes to our school.
Wednesday 8 th July	KS1 Sports Day 9am approx (tbc)
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Thursday 9 th July	Elephants Tea Party and activity day (loss & bereavement)
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 14 th July	* Y5/6 production dress rehearsal for the other classes
Wednesday 15 th July	* Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 th July	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16 th July	School disco? We will have a disco before Christmas.
Thurs 16 th & Fri 17 th July	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 20 th July	Leavers' Service 11 am St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.

* means added or changed since last newsletter

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, Janie Percy-Smith percysmithjanie@gmail.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)