



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see the families who were able to join us at **Stay and Play** this morning and also how many were able to come to the **Headingley Lights Switch On** this Tuesday. It was so lovely to hear our children singing, whether at the front or in the pews or outside!



This



weekend sees the first Sunday in Advent and in school we are beginning to get ready for our Christmas celebrations with Nativity rehearsals and lots of singing. At this time of year we also think of people who aren't enjoying the festivities so we invited Karen from **PAFRAS** to join us for assembly this week to talk about their work and their **Christmas Appeal**. She says: "Positive Action for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (PAFRAS) is an excellent local organisation supporting people seeking asylum who are living across Leeds. PAFRAS supports single people, couples and families with children from all over the world. See <https://pafaras.org.uk> Donating a new, unused toy to PAFRAS is a chance for people seeking asylum to be able to join in the celebrations over the festive period and helps to provide a sense of belonging in our great city of Leeds and all its neighbourhoods." I know at this time of year there can be a lot of demands on your time and your purses, so please only

Bring in a small new toy, game or activity that would be good for a child like you. We are collecting them in the box in Ms Devane's office until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you very much.



support this appeal if you are able to. We never keep track of who has or hasn't donated! We like this appeal as it is one that the children can get involved in, perhaps choosing something at the shop or giving up an unused duplicate gift they have been given whilst thinking of a recipient just like them. The box is in my office, but writing PAFRAS on the bag can help us make sure it goes to the right place and isn't mistaken for a FOSOPS raffle prize!



**Forest School** doesn't stop for the winter and a wet walk was rewarded with the special sighting. Here are Year 3 enjoying the rainbow from the top of Cardboard Hill on their way back from Forest School on Woodhouse Ridge →



Y3 also had a great time on Thursday at the

**Sports Festival**

at The Edge at Leeds University, as these photos show.



Well done to **FOSOPS** who raised over £440 at the Winter Festival of Fire! They will be selling disco tickets, raffle tickets and Christmas cards before and after school from Monday.

Thank you to author **June McCleave** who visited school to read from her books to Y1, Y2 and Y3. These sessions were enjoyed by children and author alike!

There are a busy 3 school weeks ahead, so I have tried to summarise below the life admin tasks that you may need to keep in mind! Have a lovely weekend.

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- Look out for your tea towel, if you ordered one
- Consider whether your child could bring in a new, unused toy, game or activity for the PAFRAS Christmas appeal
- If your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 look out for information on what they need to wear for their nativities
- Coat (hat and gloves?) every day as we will go out as much as possible & choir walk to carol singing venues
- Decide if you want to buy disco tickets, raffle tickets or Christmas cards (on sale in playground before & after school from Monday)

### DIARY DATES

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Health and Hygiene sessions Y3, Y4 and Y5
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 at Robinwood Residential school trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing at Victoria Court 11am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December *	KS2 Drawalong webinar with author/illustrator of Maddy Yip books, Sue Cheung
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing at Headingley Library, am.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses (flu spray)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School nurses to visit YR and Y6 vision and growth checks
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club trip to Leeds Playhouse to see The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe, pm.
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December *	FOSOPS meeting in Community Room to discuss the disco 2:30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	R, Y1 and Y2 performing nativities to rest of school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativities to parents and carers am and pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Discos & Reception Class movie night R/KS1 3:45- 4:45 & KS2 5-6pm <small>NEW DATE!</small>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church am, all welcome.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas school lunch (children who are on packed lunches can book this in advance)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December *	Carol singing at Wheatfields pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas road safety pantomime pm
<del>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December</del>	<del>Christmas Discos and Reception Class movie night R/KS1 3:45- 4:45 &amp; KS2 5-6pm</del>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party day, with entertainer and party food at lunch (can be prebooked)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Centre Christmas party with donkeys
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term. Acorn Club will close at 4pm today.
(Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December)	Nine Lessons and Carols service at St Michael's Church, 6:30pm. All welcome.
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> no school for children 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January. Art Camp my offer activities	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for prospective parents. Current parents also welcome to tour school.
13-15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 at Herd Farm Residential school trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	WW2 day (online) Y6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Headingley and Kirkstall Combined Schools Band playing in assembly, 9am.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 smoothie workshop with LUFC
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 working with poet James Nash – parent assembly on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Canals & Rivers Trust water safety assemblies
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 trip to York
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class parents meeting about maths 2:15 TBC

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

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is set to be confirmed and may have to change.