



Dear Parents and Carers

# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

**Happy New Year!** I hope you all had a good Christmas and are getting back into the swing of school routines. It was particularly good to hear from children about books they had received as presents or enjoyed reading in the Christmas holidays.

Last week we arranged assemblies for Reception/KS1 and for KS2 by the NSPCC about **Childline**. They focussed on helping children to remember to talk to trusted adults if they ever feel unsafe or unhappy. The children learned some actions to help them remember the phone number:

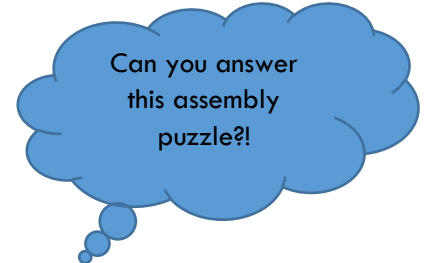
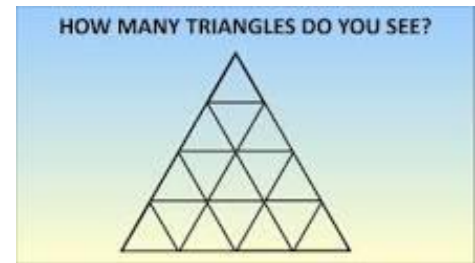


Thank you to Sara Mitchell, Helen Woodley and the other teachers for organising such a memorable **Maths Puzzle Day** this week. They started with a whole school maths puzzle assembly and sent the classes away to work on their part of a puzzle. Each class took it in turns to visit the hall for maths activities organised by Helen and Sara with support from Year 6 helpers. Every year group also took part in a maths trail or treasure hunt of some kind. There were children finding clues around school, some taking photos of shapes to answer their questions and others recording flipgrid video answers to the clues. Year 1 combined their Houses and Homes topic and maths to look at shapes and numbers on local houses and flats.





Year 1 Walk



Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Rohan</b> is a superstar because of his positive attitude. <b>Alice H</b> has a great attitude and is always enthusiastic.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Bill, Kai and Eloise</b> have all started this new year in a positive way.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Clara</b> has had a really positive start to the new term. She has also worked on her writing target and is really proud of herself. <b>Teddy</b> has entered the term with great enthusiasm. He has also been busy working on a project of interest over the holidays, which we enjoyed.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Leo</b> is approaching his learning with positive attitude and showing a great example to his classmates. <b>Charlotte</b> has a positive attitude which is moving forward her learning and she is improving her handwriting.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Peggy</b> showed great scientific thinking in our new topic about plants. <b>Jovan</b> thought creatively for his simile poem.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Anna G</b> has started the new term focused and determined to do her best. <b>Isobel L</b> is a great help in the classroom and has a positive attitude to her learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Deney</b> for having a mature attitude. <b>Shanya</b> for having a good attitude to her learning.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Isla</b> who was nominated by April for always helping classmates deal with arguments and grumpiness. "She is so kind." Well done!	

Well done to our **football team** who played their rescheduled match against Farsley Farfield this week in lots of wind, mud and rain! Our spies report that they lost 4-0 but played very well, hit the post and the ball got stuck in a muddy puddle!



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Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that KS2 **school dinners** this half term cost £69.60.

Have a good weekend.

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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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

## DIARY DATES

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Bun Sale with donations by Y3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 assembly to present poetry written with local poet, James Nash (2:30-3pm)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents quiz night by FOSOPS TBC
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 science workshop (pianos and sound)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	* PenPals project to visit Headingley Hall in the afternoon
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	* Y6 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! Apologies about the changed date
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Geography Knowledge Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 science workshop
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 and Y2 visit to Abbey House Museum
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday - welcome to join the all age service St Michael's Church 10am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	* Y5 watching We Will Rock You dress rehearsal of Lawnswood production
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February	* FOSOPS games night 3:30pm TBC
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or 'wear' quotes we love.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Piano Fantasia trip (as part of Leeds Piano Competition)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 rugby league match at Richmond House (walking at 2.30pm, kick off 3.30)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 flag bearers at Leeds v Huddersfield rugby match in the evening.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	* Ground Force Day and BBQ – help to improve our grounds
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you're ready!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly
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Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception parents' meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
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Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service 10:30am St Michael's Church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parties and Y6 Leavers' Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	



# A Concert of pieces of music for children

3:00 PM, Saturday 25th January 2020

In the main hall, Horsforth School, Lee Lane East,  
Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5RF

Please book tickets in advance on Eventbrite  
– access via Leeds Symphony Orchestra's  
facebook page.

Admission free, provided by the Tom Oram legacy.

Leeds Symphony Orchestra, registered charity 506766

**STARTING JANUARY 2020**

## Aireborough Gymnastics Club

### Pre-School Classes

We are excited to be able to now offer pre-school classes at Aireborough Gymnastics Club.

Preschool

**Friday**

9:30am-10:15am : Parent & Toddler session (from walking up to 3 years old)

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10:30am-11:15am : Independent classes (3-4 years old)

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Close,  
West Park,  
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