



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much to the children and families who came along to Leeds Minster on Sunday to form such a lovely choir at the **thanksgiving service** for the Lord Mayor of Leeds. The children sang well and many were interested in the pomp and circumstance of a service like that in such an historic building. Al Garthwaite was very pleased that we had sung for her.

This week I attended a **memorial service** at Bradford Cathedral for Fiona Beevers to represent former staff and pupils at Shire Oak (when this site was St Michael's.) She was headteacher here shortly before the amalgamation that made Shire Oak and she went on to work advising schools across the diocese before becoming headteacher of a school in Sudan.

Very well done to Year 6 who have shown a good deal of **commitment and resilience** this week when undertaking their SATs papers. As you will know, it is a statutory requirement that all Year 6 children are assessed in this way. We try very hard to strike a balance between making sure children feel prepared and understand what they are being asked to do, without narrowing the curriculum or other opportunities in Year 6. (This is why things like Y6 residential are not all scheduled to happen after this week in May but are threaded throughout the year.) Thank you to everyone at home and at school who have made this week as calm and pleasurable as possible for them. I hope they are proud of the way they have approached this challenge.

At Shire Oak we teach the children to always try to **be kind, be safe and be your best**. Part of that is being safe when travelling, so I am pleased we have our annual road safety sessions next week. These build from Reception Class to Year 6 with pedestrian training at each level, scooter training and cycle training (which Y6 will do after half term). If your child is doing scooter training the scooters and helmets are all provided by the Road Safety team at Leeds so no need to bring yours in – thank you! We will then build on this work in our Green Week after half term encouraging children to build sustainable travel habits for their adult lives.

At Shire Oak we also say that we are **rooted in the community – growing for the future** as we think it is important for children to be connected to, and proud of, the community where they live and learn. This helps children then to connect and learn about other communities in the UK and around the world. Reception Class have made a lovely link with a kindergarten class in Australia, thanks to Mrs June Wilkinson and her daughter. They received such a lovely parcel of goodies! Thank you June and Debbie!



[Art Camp](#) are busy getting ready for the playschemes on site here during May half term and the summer holidays. You can book on their website where you can also see the [timetable of activities](#) they have planned. If your child is in receipt of means-tested free school meals there may be some Healthy Holidays funded places available in the summer. Please see Mr Nash to let him know if you are interested.

I have been asked to pass on this information: Parents and children may be interested in The **Otley Walking Festival**, 22nd – 30th June. Although centred around Otley, also dips into areas further afield, e.g. Guiseley, Horsforth, Kirkstall, Beckett Park, and includes the launch of Leeds Green Gateways. Most events need booking: www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk

If you are looking at events that weekend, please keep 12-4pm free on **Saturday 22nd June**. This is when we host **Headingley Youth Music Festival**. This is both our gift to the local community (free performances, activities and music workshops) and also our summer fair fundraising event. If you are new to our school, please do ask other families about it as it is a little hard to explain! We have a mainstage where children and young people from the local area perform with a proper PA system. We then have drop-in digital music workshops and other music-themed activities to do as well as storytelling and other fun festival activities. They are all free, but FOSOPS then serve refreshments, run a raffle, have summer fair stalls and bouncy castles, etc. that have a small charge or ask for a pay as you feel donation. All our children are part of the massed choir that sing (you may have heard them humming the tune already). Year 4 play their djembe drums and the winners of Shire Oak's Got Talent perform alongside Rock School and secondary school bands and performers. This year's theme will be Around the World. If you know of anyone who would like to contribute in any way, please do encourage them to get in touch!

Finally, well done to **Year 1** for rounding of this week with such a **lovely class assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed your artwork, the learning about animals, your clear presentation voices and your rewritten stories. Thank you for coming to support them.

Have a lovely weekend.

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PS Please check your email inboxes for an invitation from SchoolComms and follow the instructions to help us stay in touch with you!

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, visitors and workshops (Y4 need a Tetrapak for upcycling please)
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!

Thursday 13 th June	*	Running out of Time climate relay (Wood Lane) am
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	*	Summer garden launch at Wheatfields (older School Councillors)
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.



LEEDS SAILING AND ACTIVITY CENTRE OPEN DAY!
MONDAY 27th MAY – From 9.30am

Cave Bookable: 13:30; 14:45.

Watersports Sessions are bookable at:
09:30; 10:45; 12:00; 13:30; 14:45.

Bellboat excursion Bookable:
On the Day

TASTER SESSIONS: Sailing, Kayaking, Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) & Indoor Caving. Sailing, Kayaking, SUP & Cave (50-minute sessions) to be booked in advance - £10.00pp

Just bring a towel, change of clothes and old trainers - we will provide all safety equipment (and a wet suit if required)!
Bellboat excursions: 20-minute sessions, can be booked on the day - £2.50pp

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