



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Well done to the vast majority of school for bringing **such lovely and diverse homework projects**. There were cakes (with maps, bible scenes and special designs), models (including papier-mâché that must have taken ages). There were messages on postcards, posters, stories, books and computer presentations as well as films and writing in homework books. There were pieces that had needed lots of adult support and pieces done entirely independently. We celebrated these achievements in assembly on Tuesday (leading to the immortal phrase, “between the Empire State Building and the donkey’s head”) and look forward to seeing this term’s efforts.

The wintry weather may have postponed the netball tournament at Abbey Grange, but it did not deter our Y5 and Y4 **rugby players** who played well in their match against Gledhow yesterday.

Thank you to parents from Y2 who helped by sending in cake for their break time **bun sale**. They enjoyed selling their wares and I am waiting to hear what the total was. Well done also to Y2 for their first swimming sessions. We were so impressed with them in their first session on Wednesday: They got changed quickly, travelled sensibly and enjoyed building their water confidence. I think they will be tired this weekend after 3 afternoons of swimming in a row!



Citizen of the Week was **Freya** who was nominated by Y3 for always being kind, safe and her best and helping them to feel better when they are sad. Well done Freya!

Miss Readman, volunteer Gwen and children from Y3/4 have been busy making our entry into the annual **Scarecrow Festival**. There is a rather fierce looking catering assistant currently standing guard in the corner of the staffroom waiting to go out on display in the school grounds. Do come and look before it transfers to judging at St Chad’s. A fine effort.

On Saturday 14th May 10-2 it is our **spring clean event** at school. We are looking for people who are happy to sweep, weed, paint, clean, scrub and barbecue! Please let us know.

On Sunday 22nd May it is **Shire Oak Sunday**. This annual service at St Michael’s is a chance for our children to find out more about church worship (in a very family friendly service) and join in with different parts of it. There will also be some speaking parts as we tell the congregation a little about life at Shire Oak. All are welcome and will be able to join in, but it is helpful to allocate the trickier speaking parts to children we know are going to attend and practise their lines.

We have started planning for the **Headingley Youth Music Festival** on Saturday 11th June and I know FOSOPS are looking for lots of volunteers, particularly to help with the clearing up. If your child is learning to play an instrument, they might want to consider practising a piece until they are good at it and then asking Mr Davies if they can have a performance slot either on the stage at the front of school or in the Performance Café in the hall.

Excitingly we have been chosen to **contribute to the entertainment** on the route of the **ITU World Triathlon** that is passing very close to our school on Sunday 16th June. To help us prepare there will be a free one day workshop on the 7th June (in school). There are just 30 places and these will be allocated to children whose parents have said that they can definitely attend on the Sunday for the performance. Our contribution to the entertainment will be **Dance in the Brazilian carnival style**. Our dress rehearsal will be a performance the afternoon before at the Music Festival here at Shire Oak. (A very busy weekend for us!)

Have a great weekend!

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After School Clubs are starting this week. Your child should have a slip to confirm their place(s).

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.

DIARY DATES

Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th April	Our Reading Week. This will include a dress up day (characters from books) on Tuesday 26 th . This will be after the 16 th May – confirmed dates to follow.
Friday 29 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Friday 6 th May *	FOSOPS meeting, 9am, Community Room. All welcome – we need lots of help to plan the clear up day and especially the music festival!
9 th to 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
10 th May *	Rescheduled netball tournament, Abbey Grange
Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Saturday 14 th May	FOSOPS Spring Clean event at school – please help!
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th May *	Reading Week
Tuesday 17 th May *	Dress up as your favourite book character day – make sure you have read/are reading it and not just watched the film!
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 19 th May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Sunday 22 nd May	Shire Oak Sunday. All children invited to take part in a special family service at St Michael's Church, 10am.
Wednesday 25 th May	Y6 school nurse height and weight check
Wednesday 25 th May *	Geography Mapping Day. Includes Y3/4 trip to Otley Chevin for orienteering (TBC)
Friday 27 th May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Wednesday 13 th June	Leeds City Academy transition day for September's Y7
Tuesday 7 th June	Dance Carnival Brazil workshop to prepare for Sunday's performance at the Triathlon on Sunday that will be passing close to school. (max 30 places available.)
Thursday 9 th June *	Y5/6 orienteering trip to Otley Chevin (TBC)
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 10 th June	Reception Class trip to Tropical World
Saturday 11 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Sunday 12 th June	Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon passes school – we are performing!
Tuesday 14 th June	New Reception Parents' meeting 9:30am and 6pm
Tuesday 14 th June	Y3 trip to the Mining Museum
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th June	Ralph Thoresby transition days for September's Y7
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 th June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Tuesday 5 th July	Allerton High transition day for September's Y7.
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day – meeting new classteachers, etc.

Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 th July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 production, 9:15am TBC (This may have to change due to High School transition arrangements)
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 production, 2:00pm TBC
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week
Mon 18 th & Tues 19 th July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Tuesday 19 th July	Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Wednesday 20 th July	R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Wednesday 20 th July	Y/Y6 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm (this is a change of time)
(Thurs 21 st and Fri 22 nd July)	Reserve dates for Sports Day (Thursday pm KS2 and Fri am R/1/2 Fri pm KS2)
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 15 th November 2016	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am. (Open Evening for prospective parents who cannot attend during the day, 6pm.)
Thursday 12 th January 2017 *	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March 2017	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	



I can attend the **Spring Clean event** on Saturday 14th May.

I would prefer to:

(clean, repair, paint, cook on the barbecues, wash, or other ideas)

Name of child.....

Name of parent(s)

I am going to bring my child to **Shire Oak Sunday** on May 22nd/

Name of child.....

Name of parent.....

I would like my child to take part in the in-school workshop on **Brazilian carnival dance**.

I would bring them for a **dress rehearsal** on Saturday 11th. (A the music festival.)

I would bring them to the **performance** on Sunday 12th. I know the roads may be closed to traffic.)

There will be further information, but for now we want to get a feel form numbers and who is interested.