



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

A huge congratulations to the children and staff in Year 6 and Year 5 for an amazing end of year production of **The Tempest**. This was an ambitious choice of play, but the actors, singers and technicians rose to the challenge admirably. The singing was superb, the acting convincing and the children doing technical support kept the show running very smoothly. The staff rehearsed the children well, Mr Alun Davies brought out the theatrical sparkle and Ms Kate Earl, Miss Abi Readman and their conscripts spent many hours making scenery and sourcing costumes and props. When it was clear we couldn't invite an audience (unless we repeated the show 12 times!) we thought we would have to film it ourselves. We were so delighted that a parent very kindly used her theatrical contacts to set us up with The Mill.TV who spent all day with us setting up cameras and sound equipment so that we could livestream the afternoon's performance. They worked so hard to create a professional broadcast that really captured the feeling of being there and we are very grateful to them. All the other children in school watched it live and we know that many Year 5 and 6 parents did too. The link is currently still live if you missed it: <https://vimeo.com/event/1149749> Password: TheTempest1





What gorgeous weather for the last week of term and the last week of an interesting year! On Wednesday we enjoyed a **school picnic** on the field but were too busy eating to remember to take any photos! Year 1 have enjoyed two al fresco dining events this week and *did* remember to take pictures of them making – and then enjoying – **fruit kebabs** as part of their DT work. Another event where we do not tend to take photos is the **annual leavers' service**. This year we were able to return to St



Michael's Church for the special ceremony and, although we were not able to invite the whole school, were able to invite Year 5 and Y6's parents and carers. We were so impressed with the eloquence with which the children presented their memories of their time at Shire Oak and enjoyed sending them on their way with their gifts.

This time of year is a special one with events to celebrate the end of the school year and mark the transition to a new one. This does not mean that there is no learning going on – I was pleased to snap this photo from my office as Year 5 raced around the grounds enthusiastically solving tricky **maths problems** on an outdoor trail set up by Mrs Carol Hill.



Children in all classes imagined the future in Headingley and drew and wrote about their predictions. These were entered into the Child Friendly Headingley competition, and we have a number of finalists at our school! In our outdoor assembly this morning we presented letters to these finalists inviting them to view their work at **Wonder Day at HEART** and see if they are the overall winners. We also presented whole class attendance awards, rugby team awards, Superstar certificates, Maths Passport continents and revealed the Nature Garden poem winners. Well done everybody!

I am so **proud** of our children and how they have navigated a second disrupted school year with resilience, open-mindedness and adaptability. We are **grateful** for the support and encouragement from our families who have worked so well with us to find the most normal path possible through the year. I am hopeful for a more settled school year 2021-2022, but I know that whatever it brings our children will still keep trying to be kind, be safe and be their best. I wish you and your families a joyful summer, with lots of reading and fun. I look forward to seeing many of you in September and wish the very best to those of you who are moving on from Shire Oak at the end of this school year.

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DIARY DATES

26 th and 27 th July	TRAINING DAYS (school closed to children not attending https://www.artcampuk.com/)
Saturday 31 st July	Wonder Day at HEART. https://www.heartcentre.org.uk/event/wonder-day/ 10-4pm.
Tuesday 10 th August	New to you (secondhand) uniform sale (PAYF) at Lawnswood School for new Year 7s
Monday 6 th September	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children) includes Scrap Shed loose parts play training
Tuesday 7 th September	School starts for Years 1 to 6 and the 10 youngest Reception Class children (they are joined on Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th by the next two groups too.)
Friday 10 th September	First Reception Class lunch in school
Friday 10 th September	Playday for the new Scrap Shed
Friday 22 nd October	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Friday 19 th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 17 th December	Alive & Kicking bring
27 th – 29 th April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	
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