



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us on Monday for **KS1 and KS2 transition meetings** in Y1 and Y3. I hope they helped with getting a feel for the next phase in your child's education. Families of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to our first **Stay and Play** of the year next week. On Tuesday, please feel free to join your child in the classroom at the start of the day for about 20 minutes of activities so you can see them in their classrooms and chat informally to the class staff. On Wednesday evening there is a meeting for families of children in Reception Class to find out more about how we teach phonics for reading and writing. I hope to see many of you there.

Marcelle Maver and Abi Readman have asked me to pass on their **thanks** to families for their help in making sure we had a smooth system in place for applying for and allocating **after school clubs**. These have started this week and it has been good to see our new Drama Club already getting into roles and entertaining each other, our Code Club taking the e-safety rules very seriously and children in the other clubs joining in well. If your child was not successful this time, they will be on the waiting list and will have priority in the future.

Staff also run free lunchtime clubs which are getting up and running. These include Lego Club (ably assisted by monitors from Year 5), board games club as well as football and rugby training. This year we have a new club, being run by Jackie Vollans from the office. She is running **knitting club** and the boys and girls are working hard on a special project; they are making bonding squares for mothers and premature/poorly babies. Once they have mastered squares they may even move on to Christmas presents – if your child has brought home knitting needles, do let them practise but make sure they bring them back into school each week for knitting club. If you have any spare needles, they would be appreciated too. Thanks!



Well done to the 11 fantastic Year 5 candidates for **Vice Chair of School Council**. The Y5 vice chair works as a deputy to the Year 6 chair, learning the ropes so that they are then ready to be chairperson in their final year at Shire Oak. We very much enjoyed the speeches the children had prepared and confidently delivered. Children in Years 1 to 6 have been busy voting and the results will be announced next week!



Some of you will have noticed that we have been joined recently by police officers and our local PCSOs. They have been helping us to tackle some anti-social behaviour in the local area as well as spending time getting to know our children. Do feel free to say hello and chat to them with your children. Children often ask what the police do and we find it helpful not to talk about 'catching baddies' but rather to tell them that the police help people to sort out their problems. That way the children know that they are always safe to go to, even if they think they have done something wrong. The children have been equally fascinated this week with the plumbers who came to make sure that our main pipe leaking didn't turn into a flood – there's never a dull moment at school and lots of opportunities to find out about **people who help us**.

Have a good weekend!

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 25 th September	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Wednesday 26 th September	Meeting for Reception Class about phonics for reading and writing. 6pm.
Thursday 4 th October	Harvest Festival – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall. We welcome donations of non-perishable food for local food banks and PAFRAS.
Thursday 4 th October	Movie Night 5-7pm
Friday 5 th October	Training Day – school closed to children
Saturday 6 th October	FOSOPS Autumn Activity Day and Woodland Walk 12-2 (meet at school for an easy walk on Woodhouse Ridge and then back to school for a barbecue)
Wednesday 10 th October	Individual and sibling school photo day (photos back in good time for Christmas)
Friday 12 th October	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 12 th October	Headingley Hawks Rugby to see Year 6 girls at 2pm
Tue 16 th & Wed 17 th October	Parent and Carers Evenings – all families will receive an appointment. Y5 & Y6 children very welcome to attend with their adults.
w/c 22 nd October	Internet Safety Week including parent information event, likely to be 23/10 @2:30
Monday 22 nd October	Bun Sale – Year 6 please make/bring buns. Everyone else can buy them.
Friday 26 th October	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone are running an October Playscheme each day from 8:30 to 5:30am. All children welcome. £21 per day (late bookings £23) To register and book please call 07708879920 or 07847442492. Closing date 5 th October.
Thursday 8 th November	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th November	Divali Assembly – all welcome to share our special assembly at 9am in the hall
12 th – 23 rd November	Anti Bullying Fortnight
Tuesday 13 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Tuesday 13 th November	Open Evening for prospective parents, 6pm.
Wednesday 14 th November	House Team Hobby Half Day – children working in house teams on various activities
Friday 16 th November	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th November	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Wednesday 21 st November	Winter Festival of Fire in the school grounds straight after school. All welcome!
Monday 26 th November	Birthday of Guru Nanak– all welcome to share our special assembly. 9am, the hall.
Monday 26 th November	FOSOPS school discos in the evening. R/KS1 4:30-5:30 7 KS2 5:45- 6:45
Tuesday 27 th November	Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 28 th November	Meeting for Reception parents about how we teach maths. 6pm. TBC
Wed 5 th – Fri 7 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children
w/c 10 th December	Book Club trip to the theatre TBC
Monday 10 th December	Bun Sale with donations by Year 5 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 11 th December *	Book Club trip
Friday 14 th December	Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning and afternoon
Tuesday 18 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 th December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 21 st December	Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor
Mon 24 th Dec to Fri 4 th Jan 19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 th January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 21 st January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Wednesday 6 th February	Movie Night 5-7pm
Thursday 7 th February	Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

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 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 Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)