



Dear Parents and Carers

**Welcome back** to a new school year at Shire Oak and a very warm welcome to our new families joining us this September.

It has been lovely to hear about the children's adventures this summer holiday as well as their excitement for their new classes. The new Reception Class are lovely and are settling in so well! I have been very impressed with how they are tackling all the new changes and showing some lovely cooperation and learning skills as they explore the classroom and outside area.



To help keep **children safe** at home and at school, we regularly include information about Internet safety. To help with promoting those messages at home we share a monthly newsletter that helps parents keep on top of the changing world of technology and Internet enabled devices. September's edition is attached. On the subject of safety, we have upgraded the entry and exit systems on our gates this summer and added additional maglocks to certain doors around school. (We have also had the roof on Reception and Pre School repaired.) Y5 and Y6 are pleased to have lockers again as there were previously just hooks in the Upper KS2 cloakrooms. (It is worth making sure that children's bags fit comfortably in their lockers along with their coats. We do still have some hooks for very wet coats, etc. though.)

Also **with the newsletter** we include information from the local authority, local community organisations and those relevant to our families. This week we have included information from Wheatfields Hospice and SENDIASS (the Leeds organisation for supporting parents and carers with advice and support if their children have special educational needs and/or a disability.)

This week's letter is short as the focus has been on **settling in and building new relationships** so there aren't trips to report on or many photos to share. That doesn't mean nothing exciting has happened this week, however, and I have spied every class enjoying their learning whether outdoors showing hundreds, tens and ones with fallen fruit or constructing with the Scrap Shed materials or in their classrooms enjoying crisp new exercise books and the autumn term topics and class novels. I look forward to sharing glimpses of school life in the weeks to come.

Have a lovely weekend.

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PS More diary dates for the year ahead will be added soon.

**DIARY DATES**

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm	Transition meeting for all Y3 parents/carers in the classroom
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm	Robinwood Residential trip meeting for Y6 parents/carers in the classroom
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm	Early phonics meeting for Reception Class parents/carers in the classroom
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm	Transition meeting for all Y1 parents/carers in the classroom
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 online history visit with Durham University

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	FOSOPS meeting to plan Woodland Walk 2:15pm TBC
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Local history week in school with visits to Oakfield Terrace and artefacts day in school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Y2 trip TBC
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 9am	Harvest Festival in the hall, all welcome. (Children also bring a non-perishable food item, if possible)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Stay and Play – join YR, Y1 & Y2 in class at the start of the day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 5pm	Herd Farm Residential trip meeting for Y4 parents/carers in the classroom
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Y3 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 9am	Y2 Class Assembly in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	House Team Hobby Half Day – orienteering and mapwork focus Y1-Y6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
HALF TERM no school for children Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Art Camp will be running a holiday playscheme.	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photo day (prints will be back in good time for Christmas presents) s
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY School closed to children
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival, run by our school in our grounds. All our children are in the choir and often other performances, so please avoid planning parties for this day!
TERM DATES: <a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-holidays-and-term-dates</a>	

\* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.