

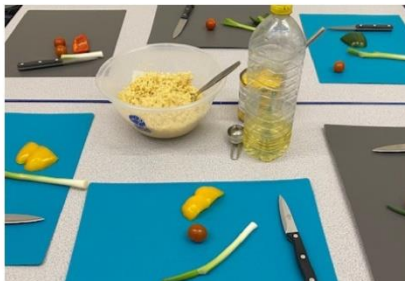


Dear Parents and Carers

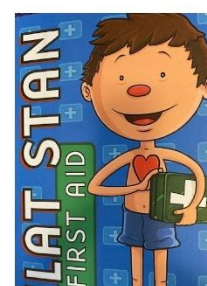
SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

The children certainly have been busy as we reach the half-way point in the school year. This week we had one of our termly **House Team Hobby Half Days**. These give pupils a chance to work with children of different ages who are in their house team. We have a different theme each time and the children work on different fun activities and hobbies. This time the theme was **safety** and this was interpreted in a broad way. Activities included groups learning first aid skills, staying mentally healthy, how to practise road safety, how to cook safely, how to be safe on the Internet and even how to learn circus skills safely! The older children are great helpers and role models for the younger children and we all enjoy working with different adults and school mates. In the summer term Reception Class start joining us for the afternoon too.



Thank you to the families who joined us for **Shire Oak Sunday** this weekend. We were proud of the ways that the children contributed to the service by singing and reading. I received lots of compliments from the congregation at St Michael's about the prayers our children had written and the way the children respectfully joined in.



Today the children said goodbye to **Jane Hinchliffe**. Every class contributed pages to a very thoughtful book and she was also presented with a beautiful planter in assembly this morning where Jane reminded children of all the ways they can get help in school still: the Worry Box, their adults in class, Mr Nash, etc. Some of our children who have worked most closely with Jane have experienced tricky endings in the past due to bereavement, separation or being taken into care. It felt important to us to plan a 'good ending' to this relationship so that they learn healthy ways of saying goodbye and being able to acknowledge their happy and sad emotions.



We were proud to see some of our children taking part in the half time match at **Leeds Rhinos** this Saturday. Some players even helped the opposing team to make up numbers! As they move through KS2 the majority of our children are part of our Rugby League club at some point, attending training and perhaps also matches. Please contact Mr Martin if your child is interested but needs some encouragement to join.



Another local team supported work in school this week as **Leeds United PSHE** project came in to work with Year 6 who responded to the role plays and discussions maturely and with thoughtfulness.

We have been told that the children's immunisation team will be holding one final catch up clinic for children's **flu vaccines**. This will be on Tuesday 8th March at Armley Children's Centre, between 3:45 and 5:45pm. Places can be booked by calling 03333 583 397 (option 2 ext. 3). Places are limited and will be allocated first come, first served.

This week we have had one positive **COVID** case, in Year 5.

We end this half term with the treat of **hot chocolate and buns** on sale in the hall straight after school (as well as a chance to stock up on new to you/used **uniform!**) A big thank you very much to Reception parents and carers for providing the goodies and to the adults who have volunteered to help with serving today.

On Monday some of the staff will be representing the school at the funeral of **Mrs Hansa Chohan**. Older children may remember she was one of our cooks until her retirement – her decorative carved fruits and vegetables were legendary! She was a much-loved member of the Shire Oak team and we are holding her family in our thoughts at this time.



I hope you all have a lovely **half term break** next week and that the weather doesn't get in the way of any outdoor plans you may have. I look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for the next half term's learning on Monday 28th February.

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PS Well done to this morning's **Super Stars**. I will include you in the next newsletter!

DIARY DATES

21 st to 25 th February	HALF TERM BREAK – back to school on Monday 28 th February!
Tuesday 1 st March	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale after school – help needed please!
Wednesday 2 nd March *	Zoo Lab animal encounter for YR, Y1 and Y2 before Science Week
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day. We celebrate by dressing up as characters, wearing quotes, etc.
Thursday 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 10 th March	Y2 trip to Leeds City Museum using public transport
Thursday 10 th March *	Robotics workshops for KS2 before Science Week
Thursday 10 th March	Pizza Club starts straight after school on Thursdays for Year 6
Friday 11 th March	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. We hope to be able to invite parents to this assembly.
11 th to 20 th March	British Science Week
Monday 14 th March	Y3 visit to Herd Farm for Stone Age topic
Tuesday 15 th March	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
Friday 18 th March	Y6 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Day
28 th to 30 th March	Easter visits to St Michael's Church
Tuesday 29 th March	Games Night after school. All welcome.
Friday 1 st April	Easter production by Years 3 and 4 in the morning. Parents welcome.
4 th to 18 th April	Easter holidays (Leeds always has the first two weeks of April)
Tuesday 19 th April	Back to school after Easter
27 th – 29 th April	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Friday 29 th April	YR Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Monday 2 nd May	School closed due to the bank holiday
Thursday 5 th May	Stay and Play YR, Y1 and Y2 at the start of the school day TBC
9 th to 12 th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 th to 20 th May	Bikeability for Year 6
23 rd to 27 th May	Green Week Including road/pedestrian safety (YR – Y3 Monday) & scooter safety training (Y4 Y4 Friday)
23 rd /24 th May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC
Wednesday 25 th May	Y4 Class Assembly. Families welcome to come and watch at 9am in the hall.
Thursday 26 th May	Class photos

Friday 27 th May	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
30 th May to 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK
Wednesday 8 th June	SRE meeting for Year 5 and Year 6 parents
Wednesday 15 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 17 th June	Non uniform day (please bring tombola prizes for the summer fair at HYMF)
Friday 17 th June	Music recital pm. All children who learn an instrument may perform.
20 th to 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week including after school event on Wednesday
Tuesday 21 st June	Meetings for Reception Class 2022 parents (am and evening)
Saturday 25 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival. We run this event for the local community and it includes our summer fair as well as performances, workshops, activities and other music-making 12-4pm
Thursday 14 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 production in the evening
18 th July	YR Y1 Y2 Sports Day in the morning TBC Y5 Y6 Sports Day in the afternoon TBC
19 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michaels' Church, 10:30 am
19 th July	Y3 Y4 Sports Day pm TBC
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' trip
25 th and 26 th July	TRAINING DAY school closed to children (some of this training may be disaggregated)
Wednesday 27 th July	Day given in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee which falls in the half term break in June
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TBC means to be confirmed. * marks items that have been added or amended since the last newsletter	



Leeds Local Offer Live

Tuesday 15th March 2022
10am till 2pm (drop in)
Banqueting Hall, Leeds Civic Hall

Leeds Local Offer Live is a market place event that provides families with the opportunity to learn about services available to them in Leeds

So we can keep a track on numbers let us know if you plan to attend: www.tinyurl.com/LLOLive22

The Leeds Local Offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families in a single place.

It shows families what they can expect from a range of local agencies including education, health and social care.

The Leeds Local Offer can be found at www.leedslocaloffer.org.uk

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