



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Letter 3
24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It is good to be getting into the swing of school life again. This week we were very pleased to hold our first **House Team** meetings for over a year and a half. All the children in school are in one of 5 teams (**lions**, **leopards**, **giraffes**, **rhinos** and **elephants**). The Year 6 children in each team are the team captains and they set a good example, encourage children to work hard for their team and help them when we work in teams (such as on sports days and on house team hobby half days).

It is also great to be looking forward to holding our **Year 6 residential** in our traditional slot at the end of the autumn term. It is always our intention that every Year 6 child attends as we cover many of the outdoor and adventurous parts of the PE curriculum this way. It is also a great developmental opportunity for them in their final year of primary school. We hope that by going in the autumn term (rather than in the summer) they build confidence and resilience that they can use all year as they prepare for the move to high school. Our information meeting to find out more clashed with high school open days, so we have moved it to this coming Monday.

Also this Monday is the rescheduled **FOSOPS** meeting. Do join us if you can help with planning for the Woodland Walk or other events this year. (2:15pm in the Community Room, but come to sign in at the office.)



Year 3 were great ambassadors for school this week when they went on their trip to **Harlow Carr** near Harrogate. They learned a lot about growing and about different plants and trees and certainly seem to have had an informative and fun day.

Please find attached an up to date guide to activities at the **Children's Centre**. We host the service for families of children 0-5 in the turquoise portacabin on site. The team work at our centre (Headingley), Horsforth (at Broadgate Primary) and at Ireland Wood (on the primary school site).

Have a lovely weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 27 th Sept	*	FOSOPS meeting. All welcome! 2:15pm in Community Room (this is the rescheduled date)
Monday 27 th Sept	*	Y6 parents' meeting about Robinwood Residential at 5:00pm in the hall (this is rescheduled due to the clash with high school open days)
Wed 29 th September		Y1 meeting about KS1 transition at 5pm in the hall (parents/carers should be able to distance)
Wed 29 th September		Reception Class meeting about phonics, reading and writing, 5:30pm on Zoom
Thurs 30 th September		Outdoor Stay and Play for Reception and Year 1 TBC at morning drop off
Thurs 30 th September		Y2 trip to Kirklees Light Railway
7 th & 8 th October	*	D:side sessions on Internet Safety Y1-Y6
Friday 8 th October		Harvest Festival TBC This will be outdoors and rescheduled if there is bad weather
Saturday 9 th October		FOSOPS Woodland Walk – all welcome! TBC
20 th & 21 st October		Parents Evenings. (These may be a mixture of phone calls and in person meetings) TBC
Friday 22 nd October		TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
Monday 8 th November	*	(virtual) Roman visitor to Year 4
Thurs 11 th November		Drama Workshop as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Wed 17 th November		Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Friday 19 th November		Nasal Flu vaccinations
Tues 23 rd November		Open Morning for prospective parents
Tues 30 th November		Headingley Christmas lights switch on and carol singing at/outside St Michael's Church
1 st - 3 rd December		Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood
Thursday 9 th December	*	Y4 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford
Thursday 9 th December		Reception and KS1 Nativity productions TBC
Tuesday 14 th December		Carol Service at St Michaels' Church
Friday 17 th December		Alive & Kicking Christmas drama
27 th – 29 th April 2022		Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
9 th to 12 th May 2022		KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 th to 20 th May 2022		Bikeability for Year 6

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar> term dates

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change.
The easing of COVID restrictions and the removal of the contact tracing responsibility from schools makes planning events with parents possible again. We will, however, be mindful of local and national data and advice, as well as the confidence of our community, when finalising plans.

