

Dear Parents and Carers

I don't usually leave such a long gap between newsletters, but we were publishing our **Ofsted letter** and then the **end of year reports** which has left the printers (and staff!) whirring. It is always a privilege to read the comments and advice that teachers have written for your children in their reports and to reflect on the successes that they have all had in their school year.

As there has been three weeks since our newsletter there have been so many school events and activities that have engaged our children and involved our families.

Y1 and Y2 had a fabulous day at **Filey** with paddling, sandcastles and a passing tractor rally when we were eating our ice creams. Year 1 have carried on the coastal theme with their **Katie Morag day** yesterday – thanks to parents for the help with dressing up and to Phill Hopkins for the help with making woodwork boats!

This week we were glad the weather cooperated with our **Sports Day** plans. The children ran, hopped, balanced, span, threw and cheered each other on with great team spirit. Thanks to the families and friends who also came to cheer them on. We appreciate that for families with children in different year groups it can be hard to get to them all, but by splitting them into age groups all the children have more opportunities to participate and be seen.



Well done to **Year 3** for a lovely **class assembly**. They all participated well and proudly shared their learning. (They even got to use the stage as it was set up for the end of year production.)



Children have been great **ambassadors** for Shire Oak at a range of events inside and outside school recently. The children who represented us at the **cricket** and at the **rugby** matches at Headingley were a credit to our school and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

A local librarian came to tell the children about the **Leeds Libraries Summer reading challenge** for 2019. This year the theme is **Space Chase**. Children can sign up at their local library, then read six library books of their choice to complete the challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's free to take part! The Reading Challenge website helps keep track of children's reading all year round, find new books to read, take part in competitions and mini challenges, and play games.



If you are looking for other activities to keep your children busy in the **holidays**, then there is plenty on offer at All Hallows Rainbow Junktion café. This link <https://bit.ly/2Joi6bJ> will take you to the sign up form or ask Jane Hinchliffe for more information. They also organised a drama workshop called **Two Towns** for Year 4 this week. The children worked with a mixed group of adults from the project to learn about food waste.



**SUMMER HOLIDAY
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY
PROGRAM**

Occupying children during the school holidays can be tough so we are offering primary school children and their parent/carer a **completely free** lunch and afternoon activity week at our cafe this summer holiday.

A great opportunity to learn and laugh together!

Parents, staff and pupils

enjoyed a sunny Friday after school in the **adults v children football match and barbecue**. This idea came from some of the Year 6s who wanted to hold it in order to raise money for the WWF – which they did at nearly £130. Well done to all!



The majority of our children learn to play a musical instrument, either in or out of school. All of Year 4 learn to play the djembe and treated us to a great assembly on Tuesday morning. Last week we heard many children from Year 2 upwards playing individually, in duets and in small groups at our annual **Music Recital**. It was great to hear the pieces they have been practising and see their growing confidence as performers. Thank you to Mrs Koyuncu and the YMES staff for their work in organising the afternoon. Well done also to the Shire Oak members of the Headingley and Kirkstall Combined School Band who played at Kirkstall Valley on Monday morning.



We think loving music is a great life skill and another is learning to ride a bike and to navigate the traffic. Year 6 have been doing just that this week as they took part in **Bikeability**. Starting in the playground the children build up their

confidence and expertise, before trying out their skills on the local roads under the supervision of the Cycle Leeds tutors. This should stand them in good stead as they travel to their new high schools in September.



Year One were visited by author **Yasmeen Ismail** and illustrators for a fun afternoon of books, illustrations and artwork. Thank you to Leeds City Council for organising it.



Year 5 have rounded off their PE and problem solving learning this year with a great trip to **Yeadon Tarn** where they took part in kayaking, orienteering, climbing and other fun activities. This is not their only recent trip as they were invited to Lawnswood School for a **Maths Puzzle Day** which they found very enjoyable too.



Class	Well done to our recent Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class. Unfortunately, not all of the reasons were recorded by our apprentice scribes. Make sure your children show you their certificates please!
YR (Thames)	Ella did some great independent writing. Arthur picked up all the rubbish in our outdoor area to make it safe for hedgehogs after finding out about them. Evie and Roman ☆
Y1 (Nile)	Nelson perseveres with his writing and is always hard working. Dylan showed confidence and courage at Filey. Bethan, Oliver and Darcy ☆
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Erin D always approaches her swimming lessons with enthusiasm and determination. Emily K has a really positive attitude to her learning and takes great pride in her work. Emily S, Kaira, Charlie J and April ☆
Y3 (Rhine)	Edie E has engaged positively with the whole of school life all year. Dave has learned very quickly how to have fun and be his best in our school – he’s part of the team! Charlie and Isobel ☆
Y4 (Ganges)	All of Year 4. Miss Readman and Miss Pakalna ☆
Y5 (Tigris)	Leya is a superstar because she has a creative imagination which she uses to write exciting stories and draw pictures which have lovely details and design. Erin is a superstar because she is a fantastic sporty role model at Shire Oak. She gets involved in all the sports going at school and has a fantastic attitude. Elsie and Mayah ☆
Y6 (Amazon)	All of Amazon Class ☆
Citizen of the Week was Erin W nominated by Mrs Hall for exemplary behaviour and well thought out considerate questions on their mosque trip. The next COTW was Katarina who was nominated by Isabella for being a great friend and role model. She said: “She follows all the values, she is kind to younger children and is always encouraging me to be good.” Well done!	

For many, the highlight of recent weeks was the Year 5 and 6 production of **Bugsy Malone**. Ambitious would be an understatement, but they pulled it off! Splurge guns, custard pies, great props, staging, costumes, lights, singing, acting and enthusiasm combined to make a spectacular show. The younger children are still talking about it and the older children rightly feel very proud of their achievements. Thank you to Alun Davies and all the staff who worked so hard to support the children to achieve their goal.



I strongly encourage you to visit **Wonder Day** at HEART which is coming up soon. The many Shire Oak children who visited it last year had a great day and enjoyed a brilliant range of activities. They also enjoyed seeing all their competition entries displayed and this year children have had the opportunity in class to design or write about their own superhero. Child Friendly Headingley (who organise the day) will be announcing the winners on the day and all the work will be on show at HEART.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Leavers' Service** next week when we will celebrate and say goodbye to our oldest class. We will also be saying thank you to **Sue Bennett** who has returned from her year abroad but is going to continue with new adventures in this country. She has worked at Shire Oak since before the amalgamation and has given such a lot to the school. She has particularly shaped our inclusive approach to PE and the use of models and images in maths and we will miss her!

Finally, I wish you and your families and restful and fun summer holiday. Thank you for all your support this year.

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DIARY DATES

Monday 24 th July	*	End of year parties and celebrations (Y5 on Tuesday, Y6 on Wednesday)
Tuesday 23 rd July		Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July		Last day of term before the summer holiday.
2019 - 2020		
Monday 2 nd September		TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd September		First day of school for Years 1 to 6.
Wednesday 4 th September		Reception Class start in groups for the next three half days
Friday 6 th September		Reception Class stay for lunch for the first time – parents & carers welcome
Monday 9 th September		Reception Class start full days at school
Wednesday 16 th October		Skylar's Missing Note music concert
Friday 25 th October		TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 6 th November		Power of One show as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Thursday 19 th December		Santa and the Christmas Dragon (Alive and Kicking)
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March		Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
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		

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

Over the summer we are getting a **new roof** over half of our school. This means that we are not going to be able to get into some parts of the building for several weeks and is why the office isn't going to be open for collecting uniform orders as it usually would. The works planned will fit into the time available, especially as supervised by the strict Miss Craven! However, if there is a very rainy summer there is a tiny chance that we might have some issues opening in September. Of course, we would keep you informed if this looked likely. It does mean that some classrooms and areas may not look as vibrant and well set up on the first day back as we are used to as staff will not have their usual holiday access.

Headingley Wonder Day 3!

SATURDAY 27TH JULY 12PM – 6PM

**Following a fun filled day last summer,
Wonder Day returns to HEART with
activities, workshops and fun for all ages.**

Science
experiments!

Face painting!

Fruit kebab
station!

Arts & Crafts
activities

Children's
Yoga

Fancy dress
competition!

... and lots more!

Family friendly disco in the hall 4-6pm!
Tickets: Adults £2, Kids £1
Available from the HEART reception
or our website



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Wonder Day 3 Saturday 27th July

Breathe and Be – Yoga for kids
Energetic yoga games that include... yoga poses, drama, teamwork and lots of fun!
Ages up to 6-10 yrs old.
12.30 – 1.00 / 1.30 – 2.00
(Maximum 15 at each session. To be booked in advance)

Sunshine and Smiles
Sign and Sing
30 minute sessions at 11.30am
and 2.30pm. Ages up to 6/7.
(Maximum of 10 children at
each session) Drop-in

Ronnie the Rhino
Come and meet Ronnie the
Rhino and test out your rugby
skills with the inflatable skill
zone!
12-4 Drop-in. Any age

**Fruit kebab station
with the Assembly
Bar + Kitchen!**

**Coding in Collage with
Leeds Libraries**
Create your own
intergalactic collage scene,
then bring it to life with
sound effects using Scratch
coding and Makey Makey.
Plus, find out more about
this year's interstellar
Summer Reading Challenge!
12-4 Drop-in. Ages 5 and
over

**Dress up like your
favourite superhero!**
Competition and prizes
to be won
Any age

**Smoothie Station in
the car park!**
Bike and blend! Make
your own pedal
powered smoothies.
Any age



HEADINGLEY CENTRAL

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**Face painting in the
Courtyard!**
Any age

Fun with Physics!
Explore physics the exciting
way, by trying out simple
and fun science
experiments. Let Marvin
and Milo, the Institute of
Physics intrepid cat and
dog team, guide you
through many fantastically
cool experiments that you
can then do at home to
amaze your family and
friends.
12-3 Drop-in. Ages 5 and
over

Woodcraft folks!
A mix of crafts and games, we
will be making things such as
instruments or origami
creatures. 1-2.30 Drop-in.
Ages 5 and over

**Children book
stall**
Summer fun with
Usborne Books!
Special discounts
applied for the day.
Any age. Drop-in

PLUS
Family friendly disco in the
hall 4-6pm!
Tickets: Adults £2, Kids £1
Available from HEART
reception
or our website.

Thanks to Schrodgers for kindly sponsoring Wonder Day this year

All children must be attended by a parent, guardian or carer unless the leader of each individual activity says otherwise. HEART accepts no responsibility for harm or injury caused to a child where this has not been adhered to. All activities and times are subject to change