

Dear Parents and Carers

**Thank you so much** for the very generous donations you sent in for our **Harvest Festival** this morning. It made a very impressive display on our harvest table! The food is being shared between PAFRAS and Rainbow Junktion to help people in Leeds who need it. It was good to gather together and be able to invite families to share our celebrations again. Being outside makes it a bit more of a challenge to hear the singing and the children's words, but hopefully you could see how much they enjoy singing these hymns and songs! For this term class sharing assemblies are likely to still be online, as they were last year, but we are hoping to make sure our nativity plays are in front of a real life audience. (We are currently researching HEPA filters for the hall!) I should remind you that some of our children cannot have their image shared on the Internet, to keep them safe. Even if your children are friends, please do not share photos or videos with other children in unless you have spoken to their parent directly about it. (The blurring tool is very handy if emailing to grandparents!)



This week we have welcomed back Dave from **D:Side** charity who has been working with classes in KS1 and KS2 on **Internet Safety**. Every year we ask d:side to come and run age-appropriate sessions in our classes which help children to navigate the online world safely at their age and stage of development. As children get older it can be harder and harder to keep track of the apps, games and programs that are current and what to look out for with each one. We have signed up for a **monthly newsletter** that helps keep parents up to date with digital issues. The first one is attached to this newsletter, along with a booklet about how to set **parental controls** on a range of devices, apps, etc.



Well done to the younger children who are getting used to eating **lunch in the hall** with their friends. They are adept at managing their trays and choosing the food they would like. Thursdays are roast dinner day and are always popular!

I hope we see as many smiles on Monday when it is **school photo** day. These photos of your child (or children, if there are siblings in school) make great Christmas presents and help raise money for school. Time to find the cleanest jumper and the hairbrush! (We start with the youngest children to try to have them as pristine as possible!)

We don't expect pristine children tomorrow for the **Woodland Walk**! We expect wellies and weekend clothes but hope you can join us as a chance for families to get to know each other. The weather is due to be nice but we would send a text if it was suddenly so bad we needed to postpone.

I must apologise for not including all of our SuperStars in the weekly newsletter. Consequently this is a mammoth catch up!

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class
YR (Thames)	Have not yet attended SuperStar assembly but are due to join us soon!
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Lucas</b> is always busy in the areas with his learning. <b>Woody</b> has made a great start to Y1 with a fantastic attitude. <b>Khadija</b> puts so much effort into everything she does and is always keen to answer questions. <b>Anya</b> is trying hard with her learning and challenging herself. <b>Maisie's</b> writing is always of a very high standard. She is so careful with handwriting, spelling and punctuation. <b>Clem</b> has been trying very hard with his writing especially his letter formation.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Aidan</b> has settled in to Y2 really well with a positive attitude and a kind heart. <b>Roberta</b> has had a great start in Y2 – trying her best in everything. <b>Effie</b> is using sheets and displays to check her spelling and improve. <b>Otis</b> is working hard to improve the presentation in his school books. <b>Finley</b> is taking great care to always present his work neatly and show his best handwriting. <b>Joe</b> has tried hard this term to improve his handwriting and presentation.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Rory</b> is a superstar because he has had a great start to the year and is a switched on independent learner. <b>Sasha</b> is a superstar because she always tries her best and is a kind and considerate member of Y3.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Teddy</b> is a superstar because he has made a very positive start to Y4. He is enthusiastic about his learning and has lots of ideas to contribute. <b>Tayah-Mai</b> is a superstar because she has made a very positive start to Y4, engaging well with all lessons.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Archie</b> is a superstar because he has settled in well to the new routines of Y5. <b>April</b> is a superstar because she has persevered with her class work despite having an injured hand.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Kienna</b> is a superstar because she has made an excellent start to Y6. <b>Charlie</b> is a superstar because he is putting top effort into his Y6 work and setting a good example.
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 21	<b>Amazon Class</b> are superstars because the run-up to and performance of The Tempest was great and they have been great ambassadors for Shire Oak. <b>Charlie N-S</b> always gives his best in every lesson. His work is always of a high standard. <b>Isla</b> is a positive role model. She always has good manners and does the right thing. <b>Harvey</b> has carried out all of his jobs reliably all year. <b>Rhian</b> has been trustworthy, reliable and efficient at her class job all year. <b>Tilly</b> is learning to become more resilient and working hard to overcome setbacks. <b>Raajan</b> has made a real effort to develop his independence in all of his learning. <b>Jake</b> consistently puts in super effort to do his best. <b>Joseph</b> has a good attitude to his work and tries hard. <b>All of Reception Class</b> are superstars because they are such a kind and caring class who work well as a class team!
<b>Citizens of the Week</b> are <b>Flo</b> and <b>Logan</b> for being great buddies to the new children in Reception Class. <b>Molly</b> always helps people to find a friend when they are sad. <b>Bella</b> is kind, trustworthy and respectful and always helps people.	
Well done to all these children who have achieved their next <b>Maths Passport</b> continent and are travelling on to the next one: Ella Bea, Isla, Molly, Jorge, Morgan, Myla, Charlotte, Emily K, Bill, Dillon Poppy, Jake, Coco, Micah and Lexi.	

If you know anyone who would be a great teacher and has a degree please point them in the direction of our open evening. (Springboard is the School Direct PGCE we run with Leeds Beckett University and local schools.) Flyer posted below.


I hope to see many of you at the Woodland Walk tomorrow. Whatever you do, have a lovely weekend!

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## DIARY DATES

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	FOSOPS Woodland Walk – all welcome! TBC
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October *	School photos (individuals and sibling groups)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October *	Y3 trip to do seed gathering for later planting in Leeds Skylar's Musical note for KS1 House Team Hobby Half Day for Y4-Y6
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evenings. (These may be a mixture of phone calls and in person meetings) TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	TRAINING DAY (school closed to children)
24 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> October *	HALF TERM BREAK  Art Camp will be running playschemes at Shire Oak all week. Click <a href="#">here</a> for the mini timetable, <a href="#">here</a> for the junior timetable and <a href="#">here</a> for a link to their coverage on Radio Leeds.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	FOSOPS meeting on Zoom 9:30am all welcome!
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	(virtual) Roman visitor to Year 4
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Drama Workshop as part of Anti Bullying Fortnight
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Open Morning for prospective parents
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Headingley Christmas lights switch on and carol singing at/outside St Michael's Church
1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> December *	School nurses (YR & Y6) for Nat Ch Measurement Programme & distance vision screening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Nativity productions TBC
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Michaels' Church
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas discos after school, Y1 Y2 Y3 3:15 – 4:45pm and Y4 Y5 Y6 5-6:30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Alive & Kicking Christmas drama
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January *	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February *	Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (we are invited to take part in the All Age Service)
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Bikeability for Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> May *	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC

<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.



**School Direct Primary Teacher Training  
Information Evening**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**5:30pm**

Are you considering applying for a School Direct Primary PGCE trainee place for September 2022?

Find out more about training with the Springboard Cluster at our information evening which will be held online from Shire Oak Primary School, Headingley, Leeds.

The Springboard Cluster is a wonderfully diverse group of schools in north Leeds with a proven track record in supporting students to their first teaching jobs.

Come and meet members of the Springboard Cluster and Beckett University and ask any questions you might have about training through School Direct and the application process.

Please register your interest by emailing  
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ALL SHIRE OAK CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES WELCOME

# WOODLAND WALK

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

MEET AT SCHOOL GATES AT 12  
ACTIVITIES ON THE RIDGE  
BACK TO SCHOOL FOR FOOD BY 1:30

