



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you for your support for our performers this week. What troupers! In very warm weather, and with the excitement/disappointment of the World Cup to contend with the children have really tried hard to share their creativity and hard work with a wider audience.

On Wednesday nearly 40 children were brave enough to present themselves to a packed hall and play for us at our annual **Music Recital**. We had violinists, trumpeters, pianists, record players, guitarists, drummers, saxophonists and flautists playing solos, duets and in ensembles. It was so lovely to hear them all perform their pieces! We said goodbye and thank you to Deborah Pennington who has been the woodwind teacher here for a number of years – we hope this isn't our last collaboration. We also said thank you to Susan Koyuncu for all her behind the scenes work coordinating music lessons for everybody and to Alun Davies for his work supporting music in school - I think he was scouting future performers for Headingley Youth Music Festival!



There were further virtuoso performances on Thursday when Year 5 and 6 performed their production of **Olivia** (with nods to many famous fictional and historical characters) to a packed hall of children in the morning and adults in the evening. The two classes had clearly worked very well together to achieve such a high standard of singing and acting. Thanks to everybody who came to support them, to the children for working hard to practise and perform so well and to the staff who rehearsed and produced the show.



Year 5 and 6 have had a busy fortnight – last week they enjoyed a visit to **Filey** to study coastal erosion. They were very well behaved, a great time was had and they even snuck in the obligatory paddle in the sea.

We were visited by a librarian from **Headingley Public Library** to launch the summer reading challenge with our children. The challenge is called **Michief Makers** and it celebrates the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic, Beano. Children are invited to follow clues to explore a colourful collector's map of Beanotown and meet Dennis, Gnasher and friends along the way. Reading books collects stickers and can find the mysterious buried



treasure, getting special rewards along the way – and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the Challenge! There is a full programme of events to accompany the challenge at the website: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Summer%20Reading%20Challenge%20programme%20of%20events.pdf> If you always mean to go to the library but never find the time in termtime this could be a great chance to make sure your children love libraries and know how to use them as they get older!

Children's **end of year reports** have gone out this week and I hope you enjoyed reading them as much as I did. For all children there were successes to celebrate and – because we place such an importance on having a growth mindset and always trying to improve – there were tips, targets and next steps for all children. If you would like to discuss anything in the report or find ways to help your child over the summer holidays, please do drop in after school on Wednesday to see the teacher(s) who will be available until at least 4:30pm. Although it is a very busy time of year, other times may be available if you request them – please ask your child's teacher(s) or send them a message.

Over this half term, Year 3 have been working on a **Forest School** project to use a variety of tools safely to turn a few branches of willow into 30 working kazoos. After 5 weeks of hard work, the class celebrated their achievement with a concert on The Ridge at the bandstand. They played as mini orchestras and chose to entertain each other with assembly favourite, 'Sun up in the morning'.



The **Year 4** team made their competitive **rugby league debut** with a match at Woodlesford last Friday. Despite



the heat, they kept going throughout, learning and improving to finish the game as the strongest team. The 11 girls and boys were led by the experience of Mason and Deney and benefited from the enthusiasm of fast developing players such as Emaya and Felicity. A great performance all round and a positive basis for next year's Year 5 team.

Year 4 have had their 15 minutes of fame as their djembe drumming contribution to a **collaborative online band** performing 'Three Lions' charmed many who saw it. At the last minute they were invited to perform it on BBC Breakfast but despite enthusiastic and brave yeses from Y4 and their parents the BBC

couldn't quite work out the logistics. The plan had been to invite us back should England progress to the finals, but I suppose we know that won't be happening now...

As the week draws to a close, Year 1 and Year 2 are enjoying a trip to **Meanwood Valley Farm** to support their topic on Going Green. Year 2 are planning an exhibition for their very own **art gallery**, which may also feature poetry. Reception Class have been preparing for their transition to Year 1 and enjoying learning through books like Cave Baby with the teachers who have taken them when Miss Coulter has been doing home visits for the children joining us in September. We have one and a half weeks left, but those include Sports Days (hopefully you saw the letter about coloured t-shirts and timings), a swimming gala and a Leavers' Service. I hope to see you at one of our events before the end of term.

I hope you have a great weekend!

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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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, Cave Bus, yoga, orienteering, basketball, sports on the field, team games, etc.)
Monday 16 th July	Height and weight checks for Year 6 with school nursing service
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9:30am
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day c.9:30am
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day c.9:30am
Wednesday 18 th July	* Drop-in parents evening to discuss end of year reports.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th July	Bikeability training for Year 6. Start practising riding now so you are confident to learn to go out on the roads with the tutors.
Friday 20 th July	* KS2 Swimming Gala, am – Y3, 4 and 5 will need their swimming costume & towel.
Friday 20 th July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Monday 23 rd July	End of year class celebrations TBC
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church, 10:30am.
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday
Kidzone will be running a holiday club from 30 th July to 17 th August, 8:30am to 5:30pm for children aged 4-12. To register and book a place please phone 07708879920 or 07847442492.	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	



STITCH-UP SUMMER School 2018

FANCY GETTING CRAFTY WITH STITCH-UP THIS SUMMER?

Come and join us for our free Summer School to have fun, get creative, meet new friends and learn how to knit, knot, crochet, weave, stitch, finger-knit, pom pom and more! Not only will you learn some ace new craft skills but we will show you how to make lots of fun items and accessories to take home with you.

We are also working with The Real Junk Food Project to provide drinks, snacks and lunch at every workshop to help keep you happy and healthy this Summer! This is a unique opportunity not to be missed!

No previous skills required, open to young people in Meanwood, Little London, Woodhouse, Hyde Park & Headingley - Aged 8+

WORKSHOPS EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
11AM - 1PM (THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS)
AT STITCH-UP STUDIO, 232 MEANWOOD ROAD, LEEDS, LS7 2AH
STARTS: TUESDAY 31ST JULY UNTIL: THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST

All Summer School students plus family and friends are invited to celebrate at our end of school party and see what everyone has been making!

SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSING PARTY: THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST 3-5PM

All workshops and party are free of charge but booking is essential as places are limited. You can attend as many or as little as you like.
 Please book your places at stitch-up.eventbrite.com or text 07944787964
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