



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It was lovely to see some of our families for the **Woodland Walk** on Saturday and good to see the children mixing out of school whilst parents got to know each other. This has been another busy week in school and as we are now six weeks into a seven week half term, it is no wonder some of our children are starting to get very tired! Yesterday saw the return of our **House Team Hobby Half Days**. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 worked in their house teams on a variety of fun activities – many of them linked to the theme of music. Children learned to play the steel pans, made their own instruments from reclaimed materials (from tiny jar lid banjos to giant tubular bells), baked cakes, made computer art and much more. Next time we plan for them to be joined by the younger children so that children in house teams get to know each other and their Y6 team captains. Thank you to our support staff, volunteers and external providers who make this possible.



## HOUSE TEAM HOBBY HALF DAY



The younger children were by no means left out though! Year 3 worked with Leeds Park Rangers to learn about and **collect seeds** in our local parkland. These seeds will then be cultivated at the Arium and later planted somewhere in Leeds. Seeds that we have previously helped to collect are already part of woodland in our city and have been spotted by our families!

Years 1 and 2 also had a real treat as they were visited by Leeds International Piano Festival and Manic Chord Theatre who brought them the interactive musical production **Skylar's Missing Note**. Exploring the piano (taking it apart and playing every part of it!) in an engaging story the children learned about the piano and enjoyed the production. Each class then had their own workshop in the afternoon and responded to the music and the emotions it prompted in them.



I look forward to seeing many of you at **parents evening** next week or hearing that you have been able to talk to the teachers on the phone and look at your child(ren)'s work in books. If you have not been able to make an appointment for next week, please do get in touch with us to arrange a mutually convenient time to catch up. Thank you very much to everyone who has been so flexible as we tried to juggle the demand for the two sorts of meeting!

Have a lovely weekend.


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PS We have a probable case of COVID in Year 6 which is very likely to have been caused by outside school transmission.

Well done to **Year 1** for their lovely celebration **assembly** which was shared online with parents and carers earlier this week.

#### DIARY DATES

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October *	Deadline for registering online for the flu vaccination programme in school
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> October *	Parents Evenings (phone and in person)
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
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y6 Viking Visitor
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
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	

