



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to the friends and family who joined us this morning for the **Y5 sharing assembly** and thank you also to the representatives from local High Schools who joined us afterwards to talk about secondary school choices.

Sue Bennett has asked me to put out a last call for **Sainsbury's vouchers**. If you shop at Sainsbury's and have been collecting the vouchers, please could you bring them in on Monday as Sue is hoping to place a final order for this year on Wednesday, thank you. This is one of the better vouchers for schools schemes as the equipment it provides really does make a difference to the stock we have for PE and sports.

It is also nearly the last call for **disco tickets**. Please ask at the office if you would like to buy one for the social event of the summer term.

On Sunday it is **Shire Oak Sunday** at St Michael's church. Some children from KS2 have been working with me today to put together some information to share with the congregation. All are welcome to join their All Age Service, which is child-friendly and includes hymns and songs that they children know. The service starts at 10am. Those children who are taking part should arrive for about 9:45 so that we can sit together and it would be lovely if a good number of people could join us.

I am very pleased that parents are letting us know about fun activities that are taking place in the local area. Tilly M's mum has let us know that: A **yoga class for children** aged 7-12 is taking place on Tuesdays from 4.15pm-5.15pm at The Yoga Space, 378 Meanwood Road. There is a £10 registration fee, then the classes are free! If there is sufficient interest, the Yoga Bus will be able to collect children from school and take them to the class. To register contact the teacher, Nichi Green, on 07501 463275.

Amelia's dad works at Leeds Met, where they organise a **Summer Athletics Camp** for children aged 8 upwards at Carnegie Sports Centre... on our Headingley Campus, where children can access some of the finest university track & field and sports hall facilities in the country, within the safety of the University grounds.

**What is Carnegie Athletics?** Carnegie Athletics provides a balanced programme of athletics activities, techniques, skills and games delivered by fully qualified UK Athletics coaches who all have experience of working with children of all abilities. Carnegie Athletics aims to make the school holidays the most enjoyable and fun-packed time of the year in a healthy, positive, and safe sporting environment. So give your child a holiday experience they'll never forget!

**What's on offer?** The camp is non residential and registration starts at 9:45am each day with the first activity starting at 10.00am. The camp finishes at 1:00pm. Under the guidance of experienced coaches, children will take part in a wide range of athletic events. These will include:

• Sprinting • Pole Vault • Hurdles • Javelin • Endurance • Discus • Long Jump • Shot Putt • Triple Jump • Hammer • High Jump

**Camp quality and safety** Carnegie Athletics has a maximum of 12 children per coach; quality coaching for your child is ensured. Coaches will be responsible for one group only, which will encourage children to develop their techniques with the help of their coach. The children are put into groups by age (juniors 8-10 years, seniors 11-16 years) and coaches will ensure that everyone is having fun and making friends. It is also reassuring to know that Carnegie Coaches have undergone Child Protection Awareness training and have been Criminal Record Bureau checked.

**How much will it cost and what do I need for camp?** Each 5 day camp costs £50.00, but individual days may be booked at a cost of £12.00 per day. Children will need plenty to drink each day, suitable clothing for all activities, good gripping trainers, warm clothing and waterproofs; suncream and hat, depending on the weather. A change of clothing is advisable.

If you are interested, please contact Andrew Henderson on 0113 812 3160, email: [a.e.henderson@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:a.e.henderson@leedsmet.ac.uk) or speak to Amelia's dad in the playground before school.

If your child is interested in any extra-curricular activities and cost is preventing them attending, it may be that you can



apply to the **Cluster Activity Fund**. If you are eligible for Free School Meals, are engaged in a CAF then you can apply but there are also other criteria that can be used – do speak to Hilary Whitehead in confidence about this.

**Thank you** to all parents and carers who returned the **annual survey**. Initial analysis looks quite positive, with the biggest area for us to work on being behaviour, particularly at lunchtime. We will share the full results of the survey in September but thought it was worth letting you know that we are currently redrafting our **behaviour policy** and would welcome your views. We will give out a draft copy for consultation in the autumn term.

We have also received our **SIAS report**. SIAS are the organisation that inspect church schools and this always follows an Ofsted inspection. The summary paragraph says we are satisfactory with good features and summarises, *“This is a welcoming and improving school held in regard by stakeholders. Its Christian character is evident in its ethos, vision and values. Pupils are safe and happy. Since the last inspection the established strengths have been sustained. The school has addressed areas for development from the previous inspection and has a clear direction for continued growth as a church school.”* The 2 page report is attached to this newsletter and will shortly also be available on the SIAS website. We are happy to include the monitoring and evaluation of collective worship, etc. in our school improvement calendar and school development plan and would welcome your comments and ideas on the other areas outlined in the report.

Finally, **reports** are going out today so please contact the office if you do not receive yours or you need an extra copy. Next week there will be opportunities to speak to your child’s teacher(s) about the report and any information that may be useful as they go up to the next year group. You can sign up for an appointment from today at your child’s classroom. We know that at this stage in the year many parents feel that the report gives them the information that they need, particularly if they were able to join us for both of the earlier parents’ evenings or have spoken recently to the teacher, so on this occasion there is no sense of obligation to attend!

Yours sincerely

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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, Catherine Ware or Liz Craven. If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Catherine Ware or Hillary Whitehead.

### DIARY DATES

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July		All age service at St Michael’s – Shire Oak Sunday
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	*	<b>Transition</b> meeting for parents of children going into <b>Y3</b> . 2:45pm in Y3
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Y2 trip to Henshaw’s in Knaresborough.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	*	<b>Transition</b> meeting for parents of children going into <b>Y1</b> . 2:30pm in Y1
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Teachers will be offering an opportunity to discuss children’s reports after school on Tuesday or Thursday. Please sign up from Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> if you would like to see the teacher.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Y6 trip to LMU’s garden at Beckett’s Park
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Summer disco
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Last clinic with the school nurse this school year. See Mrs Whitehead to arrange
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Y5 trip to LMU’s garden at Beckett’s Park
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Y2 sharing assembly
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Dress Rehearsal of KS2 production for Reception and KS1
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Sports Day for Year 3 and 4 in the morning
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Special picnic menu for school dinners
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		KS2 production (afternoon and evening shows)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	*	Sports Day for Reception, Y1 & 2 in the morning / Y5 & 6 in the afternoon
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July		In school assembly for good attendance
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Leavers’ service at St Michael’s to be confirmed.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		FOSOPS end of year lunch, details to be confirmed.

New items are marked with \*