



Dear Parents and Carers

The last full week of the term has been very busy and fun. Strains of the Easter production songs can be heard from Y3 and Y4 rehearsing in the hall and eloquent posters persuading us to look for Zap the lost (Reception Class) alien have been spotted all over school.



On Monday Eden from Stories Alive! treated Years 4 and 5 to a special **Shakespeare** Week version of **The Tempest**. In the premiere of a show that is now on its way to Shanghai, our children were fully involved taking on roles and joining in to explore and tell the story in a way that really brought it to life. Thank you Eden, what a treat!



On Thursday we held **Geography Quiz Day**. The focus was on learning places and facts that are useful in geography (and in everyday life and travel) but that don't necessarily fit nicely into our more skill and enquiry based topics. The children have enjoyed acquiring new knowledge about our country and the world and hopefully impressed you with a few facts when they came home yesterday.



We have **two places available for piano/keyboard lessons** in the last full term this year. If your child is interested in learning to play the piano/keyboard then this is a low commitment way to let them try it out before signing up to lessons for next school year. The price is £50 for each place (children with a particular passion in this area may be supported by the Opportunities Fund if finances are a barrier.) Please speak to me or to Susan Koyuncu in the office by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March if you are interested. Thank you.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Rosa</b> has been doing some great subtracting. <b>Jovan</b> made a great takeaway number story about rockets.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Eva</b> is a switched on Shire Oak learner, always trying her best and being a good role model.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Peter</b> always sets a good example to others.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Rudee</b> knows how to have fun and to play well with others but always calms down to be ready to listen and concentrate.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Fred</b> is a great Shire Oak role model.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Coco</b> always chooses to be kind to others, be safe and be her best whether in the playground or classroom.

Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Olivia</b> contributes to every lesson, even when she finds it difficult. She always tries her best.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Matthew</b> who was nominated by Lily-Rose in Y3 for having lovely ideas for games and cheering people up when they are sad. Well done Matthew!	

Have a great weekend.

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If you are using **online banking**, please remember to use the format  
J Bloggs dinner money  
so that we can identify where the money has come from and what it  
is for. Thank you – initial feedback has been good.

DIARY DATES	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March *	Easter Labyrinth reflection walk in the Nature Garden. Classes visiting various times.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Movie Night
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – confirmed
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone are running a playscheme during the first week.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Our Reading Week. This will include a dress up day (characters from books) on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> .
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sport for Life Week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC
* 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 Hilary Whitehead.

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](mailto: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.)