



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you for all the fabulous feedback we have received about **STEM Week** and how it has sparked great conversations at home, extra reading and some learning-rich activities. We are so glad it was inspiring to so many of our children. We are now going to be thinking about the world and our environment as we approach our (slightly postponed) Geography Day and Global Fortnight, but we are aiming to do much of the learning through our normal lessons so expect fewer tales of rockets and robots! Do though take the chance to help your child learn the names of the countries of the United Kingdom, the continents and oceans of the world and any other such facts they come home with. (It may even help them in the house team quiz!)

Thank you to FOSOPS for our pancake sale this week on **Shrove Tuesday** – a tasty tradition. Please do not ever feel that you have to come to meetings in order to volunteer to help at one-off events... we might have managed the queues a little more quickly on Tuesday with a few more pairs of hands serving and heating the pancakes. Just ask anyone who looks busy if help is needed! (Please!)

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to the **Leeds Science Discovery Centre** this week. They learned all about animal adaptations as part of their Circle of Life topic. They even got to see the many strange exhibits there. They have joined the Tweeters at Shire Oak and now have their own Twitter account. Follow them [@Year5ShireOak](#)



Jason at St Michael's has been in touch about the **choir** there. He says: Just to confirm that practices will now be on Thursdays although the timing stays the same. 18:15 – 18:45 for Juniors and 18:45 – 20:00 for everyone else. It was fantastic to see so many at our rehearsal on the 28th.

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed lessons with some special visitors on Monday. Linked to their topic, Circle of Life, the university speakers from **African Voices** came to challenge the children's misconceptions about life in Africa and begin to show them something of the very diverse countries, climates and people of the African continent.

It is **Comic Relief** day on Friday next week. Children may wear their red noses to school if they would like and we will take a



collection to pass on to the charity. We will use it as an opportunity to link to our global fortnight learning.



Children in Years 3, 5 & 6 were treated to an especially relaxing and enjoyable assembly on Thursday when **yoga**



and dance teacher Charlotte Jones came to tell them a little about yoga and try out some calming breathing exercises and simple moves. Look out for flyers for kids yoga and a link to find out about family yoga options too. <https://www.amalamovement.com>

Many of our **after school clubs** are coming to the end of this term's run, but there will be further opportunities next term.



We welcome offers of help too from people with the skills and time to run or support a regular club. I had the joy of listening to our steel pans yesterday who had pulled together a new piece to perform in just 15 minutes, achieving a real quality in the tone of their playing.

As this newsletter goes to print we are looking forward to the safe arrival back at school of our Year 4 children who have been on an activity-packed residential at **Lineham Farm**. They have been good ambassadors for the school and stretched themselves with new challenges in some very wet weather. Well done Year 4 and thank you to Mr Marshall, Miss Readman, Mr Nash and Mrs Maver for giving up their evenings and nights to enable the children to go away together.



I hope you all have a good 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 Hincliffe.

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)



P.S. We have run out of space so will publish this week's **SuperStars** in the next newsletter!

DIARY DATES

w/c 11 th March		Global Green Fortnight
Tuesday 12 th March	*	CLYM Prom Concert – we have children both performing and attending
Thursday 14 th March		Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Thursday 14 th March	*	Geography Focus Day
Friday 15 th March		Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 15 th March	*	Red Nose Day 2019
Tuesday 19 th March		Energy Heroes Workshop in Year 5
Thursday 21 st March		Science in School delivered by Leeds University
Thursday 21 st March		Games Night after school TBC
Friday 22 nd March		Philosophy sessions with the university
Monday 25 th March		Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 26 th March		Y5 Football tournament at Lawnswood after school
Wednesday 27 th & 28 th March		Parents and Carers Consultation evenings
Thursday 28 th March		RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 th March		Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Friday 29 th March		Young Pianists Assembly
Friday 29 th March		Philosophy sessions with the university
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April		Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April		School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Thursday 25 th April		Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Abbey Grange after school
Friday 26 th April		Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April		Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May		Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May		BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May		Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May		KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May		Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 22 nd May		The Big Sing – Year 6 perform with children from all of Leeds
Thursday 23 rd May		Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Thursday 23 rd May	*	Possible tri athletics tournament (TBC)
Friday 24 th May		Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June		Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 11 th June		New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June		Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June		SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June		Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June		Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June		Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 th June		Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June		Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June		Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July		Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July		Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July		Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 th July		Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July		Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July		Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July		Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July		R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July		Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC

Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	