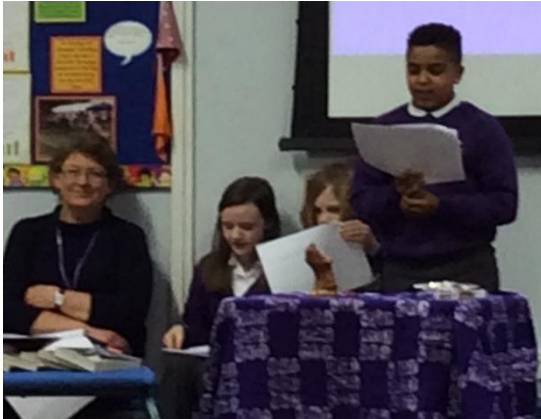




SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers



Such a busy and exciting week for children at Shire Oak! We started the week with an assembly called 'Take Me Out' by **Book Club** who explained about the **Leeds Book Awards** and the books they have been judging. They encouraged us all to choose books from our well stocked library and to go online to <http://www.leedsbookawards.co.uk/2015/> to read the reviews they (and children from other Leeds schools) have written. Thank you Janie and book club.



For Year 4 the chief excitement of the week was the long awaited **residential trip to Bewerley Park** in North Yorkshire. We have been receiving regular updates from Mr Marshall and Mrs Maver. It sounds as if the weather has been extremely kind to them, they have enjoyed the activities like canoeing, eclipse-watching and a trip to Brimham Rocks and they have also newfound domestic skills including early morning Hoovering! We look forward to seeing them later today, safe and sound and very ready for some sleep!



Parents of younger siblings will be glad to hear that the proposal to change the siling rule for admissions has not been pursued, following the consultation. Siblings will continue to take priority over children who live nearer to the school.

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Leilani is always positive and a great role model.
Y1 (Nile)	Sophie kept trying when she was subtracting with a number line and she was successful in the end.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Sammy has shown enthusiasm and focus in our lessons.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lucus has worked independently and enthusiastically on maths measure work.
Y4 (Ganges)	Lola has been working hard on improving her reading and Alim is speaking clearly in the Easter production.
Y5 (Tigris)	Raygan is helpful and is focusing on the positive aspects of her learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	Ben is working hard in all subjects to achieve success.

Citizen **of the Week** was **Lewis** in Reception who has been noticed by children in Y3 who say he is always kind and helpful and knows when to ask for help.

Solar Eclipse at Shire Oak



This morning we were all excited about the **solar eclipse** that would be visible in Leeds – if only the cloud would clear! After quickly doing the register the children came outside again to their circle on the playground to watch the sky through their safety glasses. It was very cloudy but we got quite a few glimpses of the sun as a crescent – orange through the glasses and white through the hazy cloud. The children were great at understanding the safety messages they had been given and followed the instructions well. Year 2 measured the temperature and noticed that the eclipse caused a drop of at least 10 degrees Celsius. We noticed it getting darker and at the peak of the eclipse we listened and heard very little, not even any birds singing. Just before playtime we gathered together in the hall to try and watch some of the footage (although the websites all seemed very slow) and reflected on the awesome event that had happened. Year 4 had taken their set of glasses with them to Beverley Park and watched from a hill this morning so they didn't miss out.

Thanks, as always, for your support. Thank you also to school staff, and volunteers from the 'Doing the Stuff' conference who have started the transformation of our **nature garden**. Have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

That we have a new website this year www.shireoak.org ?

We would love feedback about what you like and what would make it even better. You can now follow us on Twitter too – help us get into the habit of tweeting by tagging us in relevant posts please! @shireoakce

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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)

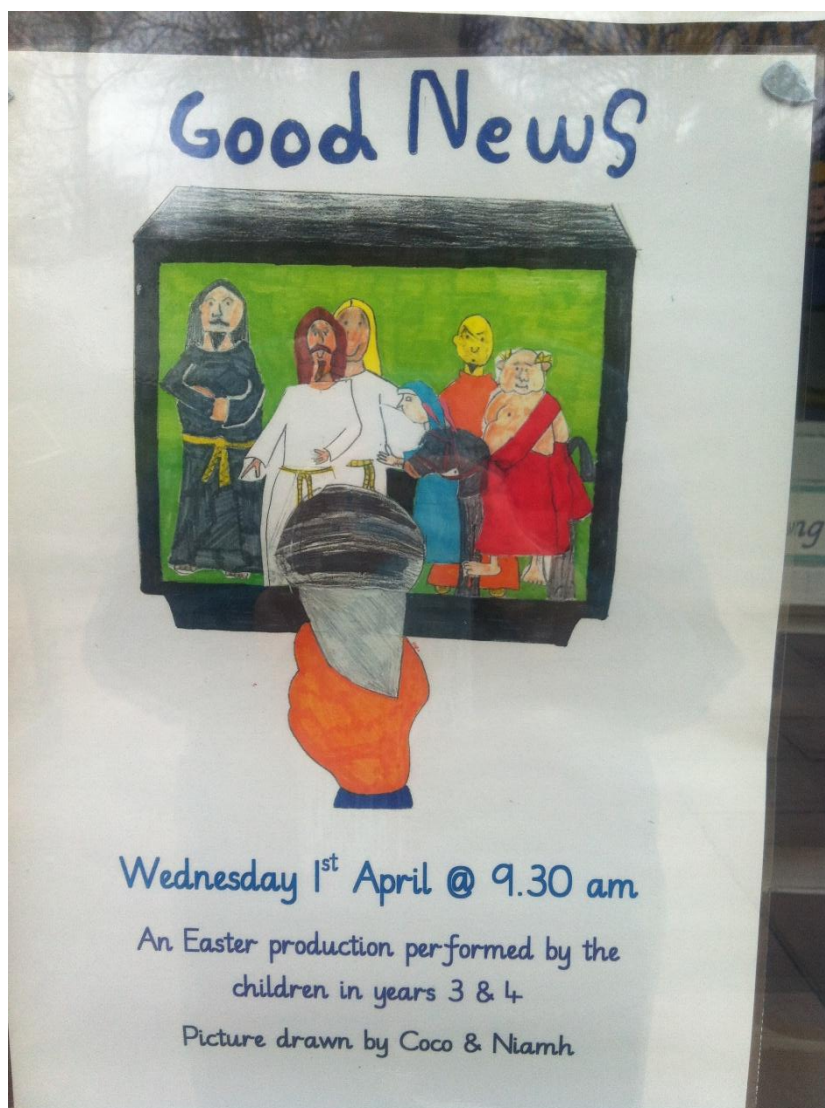


I love it when children bring their learning to show me. **This game was made up by two children in Reception** – you could play it at home with big dice or by writing numbers on a football (ask a grown up first!) You throw the ball and whatever number your top hand lands on you double before throwing it back to your partner. How many throws can you do before you get stuck?

These posters have been appearing around school letting us know about the **Easter Production** that will be happening just before we break up. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 are all taking part and are busy learning songs and practising lines. We hope all Year 3 and 4 families will be able to join us. →



If you shop at Sainsburys please save the Active Kids vouchers and send them into school so that we can use them to buy things like extra sports equipment. Thanks.



DIARY DATES

Monday 23 rd March	*	Special assembly by Matthew Nicholson from the Rhinos
Friday 27 th March	*	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome (rescheduled due to eclipse)
Friday 27 th March		FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Wednesday 1 st April		Y3/4 Easter production 9:30am
Thursday 2 nd April		FOSOPS Easter Egg Hunt after school
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Monday 27 th April		FOSOPS PTA meeting in Kidzone after drop off. All welcome.
Mon 27 th April to Fri 1 st May		LATE GATES challenge week. Sheila Stansfield from the Local Authority will be monitoring punctuality each morning this week.
Friday 1 st May		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May		FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 th May		BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May		Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May		Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May		House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May		Leeds Book Awards
Monday 25 th –Friday 29 th May		HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 th June		Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June		FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Sunday 7 th June		Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Thursday 11 th June		UKS2 Athletics Competition, organised by Lawnswood at Becketts Park. 9:30-1:30
Saturday 13 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak (date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 rd June		Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June		TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th July		Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July		Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Friday 10 th July		Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July		Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter

Win tickets for The Film House - the UK's largest Family Film Adventure!

From 3-6 April 2015 Leeds Town Hall is being transformed into The Film House, a brand new attraction for families to discover the magic of cinema across four full days packed with unforgettable new experiences. There will be activities, events and lots of exciting things for young people to do and learn about, and they can meet their favourite film characters in person, including The Gruffalo, Shaun the Sheep and the Easter Bunny and loads more. We'll be having a sing-along to Frozen on the Big Screen, and you can see a real-life DeLorean car from Back to the Future!

You'll even have the chance to get an Arts Award! There's so much going on at The Film House that if you like, you will be able to earn your Arts Award Discover level by using the interactive map to record your journey and experience.

BAFTA Kids: Behind the Scenes with CBBC leads the unique and high profile range of workshops. Animator David Bunting's Masterclass shows the magic behind his work on Shaun the Sheep, Chuggington and Bob the Builder. You can work on your own How to Train Your Dragon, Frozen and Lego in our dedicated Animation Zone, and take part in a giant, living Minions comic book or learn skills in Documentary and Soundtrack making too. Tickets for The Film House are exceptional value, with all-inclusive tickets from just £6.50. **For more information visit thefilmhouseleeds.com.**

Leeds Young Film are offering the very special prize of a Family Pass for The Film House (which gives access for up to four people, including up to two adults) to five lucky school pupils who enter our Favourite Film competition. To enter is simple - sign up to the Leeds Young Film Festival newsletter, and tell us what your favourite film is, and you could win a Family Pass worth £32.50, which gives you full access to all of the exciting films, workshops and activities that take place during a day out at The Film House. Oh, we'd like to know your age and what school you're from too. Parents and carers are welcome to complete the form on their children's behalf. The deadline for entries is midday on Thursday 26 March. Click here to enter: <http://eepurl.com/bgFimn>