



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

As we near the end of term, school remains as busy as ever. Year 3 and Year 4 have been practising hard to share 'Good News' with us – their **Easter production** that you are all welcome to on Wednesday next week (9:30am, refreshments available in the hall whilst FOSOPS try to sell you some last minute Easter raffle tickets too.)

We all received a little encouragement from **Ronnie the Rhino** and his friends from Carnegie Stadium who came to lead an assembly on Monday about being part of a winning team. The messages reinforced the work we have been doing on having Growth Mindsets and working hard together to be successful. Thank you Rhinos!

The **football team** certainly have a Growth Mindset. They do not get discouraged when they don't succeed and they learn from their mistakes. Here is coach (Mr) Marshall's account of last night's home game:

With snow flurries early in the morning, it was looking like another mud bath for the Shire Oak footballers but thankfully the sun shone for the match against Holy Family from Armley. With a gusty wind helping the opposition goalkeeper Shire Oak found themselves chasing the game but a great goal from Jake before half time lifted the spirits of the home team. Game on! As the second half progressed, Archie scored a goal from his midfield role and then Jake bagged his second of the match to keep Shire Oak in touch with the away team who had scored some fortunate goals assisted by the bobbly pitch. Super link up play gave Shire Oak the opportunity for yet more shots on target but the Holy Family goalkeeper pulled off some amazing saves to ensure the away team held onto their lead until the final whistle blew.

Final score Shire Oak 3 Holy Family 7

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Edward is making fantastic progress with his reading and Libby has talked confidently about what plants need to be able to grow.
Y1 (Nile)	Khi is working hard on his writing. He writes carefully and checks punctuation and Emaya is trying very hard with her writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Layten settled down quickly to focus on his story.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lily is really enthusiastic when singing in the Easter play and Max is giving 100% every day.
Y4 (Ganges)	Were all great ambassadors at Beverley Park.
Y5 (Tigris)	Rhiannon is always focused on her learning and Dwayne persevered to finish a long piece of writing.
Y6 (Amazon)	Lasharde always listens and tries his best to improve his work and Ethan has worked hard to improve his mental maths speed and skills.

Citizen **of the Week** was **Lewis** in Year 3 who has been helpfully including others in lunchtime games.

Thank you to **Year 6** for their **class assembly** this morning. We particularly enjoyed seeing the computer generated patterns they had programmed, the writing they have been doing, their dance and their French and African songs.

FOSOPS are planning to end the term with a great Easter celebration. Straight after school there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the grounds (well, a pine cone that you can swap for a prize, hunt), traditional egg rolling and refreshments. The activities are free for the children (donations welcome) but it would be helpful if children could bring their own decorated hardboiled egg!

I hope you have a good weekend and hope to see many of you at the **bun sale** tonight, the **production** or the **Easter activities** next week.

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Did you know?

That the dark turquoise portacabin in our grounds houses the school-led Headingley Children's Centre? They help families of children aged 0-5 in a range of different ways. Right now they are helping a particularly vulnerable family with a new baby boy and very little baby equipment. If you have any of the following that you are finished with, the Children's Centre would love to hear from you: Moses basket stand, sheets for Moses basket, clothes for a newborn, baby bath, new bottles or a sterilising unit. Pop in, phone 0113 278 7766 or email janet@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk. Thanks.



EASTER ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL AFTER SCHOOL

EASTER EGG HUNT (FIND A PINE CONE TO WIN A PRIZE)

KS1 3.15-3.45PM KS2 4.00-4.30PM

EGG ROLLING COMPETITION (DECORATE A HARDBOILED EGG, WE WILL PICK WINNERS IN ASSEMBLY. THEN AFTER SCHOOL YOU CAN ROLL THEM DOWN THE FIELD TO TRY AND WIN A PRIZE.)

KS2 3.15- 3.45PM KS1 4.00-4.30PM

CRAFT STALL



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



UNIFORM STALL

DIARY DATES

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
Friday 12 th June	* 'When Trolls try to eat your Goldfish' music & poetry production by Dominic Berry brought to us by Headingley Music Festival.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak
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

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.)