



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Well done to Year 2 for a lovely assembly this morning. We particularly enjoyed their confident, hall voices as they



explained tricky grammar, three times tables, Monet art work, etc. Thank you to the friends and family who joined us this morning to support them as they presented with pride.

Well done to the football team for their perseverance in their cold, dark match against Weetwood after school yesterday. Unfortunately, this time it was a defeat, but we are proud of how they worked as a team and even got admiring comments from the opposing school's parents about how smart they look in their strip. Thank you to Lawnswood School who let us host our home games on their pitch when ours is waterlogged.

We are making good use of our links with local high schools and the university as we prepare for next week's **STEM Week**. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths and we are looking forward to a great week of activities in and out of class.

I am pleased that good numbers of families are continuing to **walk to school**, despite the cold and wet weather. When it is possible we know that a little exercise and talking time at the start of the day is a good way to prepare children for school. It helps the environment and it also makes the roads around school safer. Unfortunately, we have had two instances this week of some very unsafe driving. Driving the wrong way up Alma Road (which is a one way street) may seem like a minor traffic infringement, but is incredibly dangerous. Children look before crossing the road, but only in the direction they know cars should be coming. I have reported this to our Safer Schools Police Officer and requested increased presence at hometime, but I ask the whole school community to be vigilant.

Class	Well done to this (& last) week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Rosa is working well with others. Peggy always tries hard in phonics.
Y1 (Nile)	Eva is working hard on her Maths Passport targets. Lucas is a great role model, listening carefully, answering questions and always doing his best work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Elsie always tries her best to be caring and considerate. Tyler is a good friend and role model to everyone in our class.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lydia has a wonderful 'can do' attitude towards her work. Owen is focusing hard in maths, applying his knowledge across all problem areas.
Y4 (Ganges)	Isabel applied her learning in maths to an assessment on multiplication and division. Hewey has done some great work in English, researching Judaism.
Y5 (Tigris)	Alim always settles to his work quickly. Niamh is always a positive role model for others in class and around school.
Y6 (Amazon)	Patty is switched on in maths and loves a challenge – she has a great growth mindset. Rhiannon has shown a great improvement in her attitude and is now also very switched on.
Citizen of the Week was Eva who was nominated by Isabella because she has noticed Eva trying to sort things out and help other people. Well done Eva!	

Have a great weekend.

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See you at the **Sausage Sizzle & Toy Swap** tonight!

Did you know?

That our **Opportunities Fund** is running low. We use it to support children and remove barriers to education. Recent uses include:

- * Paying for an afterschool club so that a child can pursue a talent or passion
- * Subsidising residentials so that all our children can attend
- * Paying for wraparound sessions to help a family through an emergency

We welcome donations from individuals, organisations and businesses. If you know of a way for us to access funds for this account – please let us know! Cheques can be made payable to Shire Oak Primary School (marked Opps Fund).

DIARY DATES	
1 st -5 th February	STEM (science, technology, engineering & maths) Week.
Monday 1 st February	Science boffins day
Tuesday 2 nd February	Year 5 & 6 science trips to Ralph Thoresby
Wednesday 3 rd February	Zoolab day as part of Science Week
Thursday 4 th February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Friday 5 th February	FOSOPS meeting, Community Room, 9am.
Tuesday 9 th February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 26 th February	Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Friday 26 th February	Y2 start 4 week block of PE sessions with Leeds Rhinos.
Thursday 3 rd March	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 th March	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 th March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 th March	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th March	* TRAINING DAY – confirmed
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 th – 15 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 th April	Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 20 th May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Friday 27 th May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 11 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
* 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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)