



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to **Year 6** for a lovely **class assembly** yesterday. We really enjoyed the photos from Robinwood of all the daring and brave activities they did but we especially enjoyed hearing about their learning across the whole curriculum and their work as Year 6 leaders – all while working at a high standard in English and maths. It was also lovely to see the younger children watching our oldest children with such affection and admiration. Great role models!

Thank you to the parents who visited or helped with our **Open Morning** this week. After the autumn one was so very busy it was probably inevitable that this one would be quieter, but it was good to be able to give people the chance to come and look round our school at work. The deadline for applying for primary school places is the 15th January!



Well done to all the children who are using their screen time at home to work on Times Table Rockstars. Some of them have been doing very well and have earned enough virtual money to buy some very intriguing costumes, etc. Mrs Mitchell has set up '**Battle of the Bands**' between Y3 and Y4 and Y5 and Y6. The class that wins is the one that has answered the most questions correctly. The battle ends next Thursday and the winners will be announced next week.

This week in **Switched On Shire Oak Fortnight** we have been thinking about how to be independent learners. We reminded ourselves of our Worker Bees and each class is making their own poster of these strategies. See if your child can remember all the things they can do if they are stuck! →

Today is **Fractions Friday** in school. Every class has given over a good chunk of time to learning about fractions and the activities have been very inventive. I

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may have refused to pay for whole class pizza from the budget, but I have heard that a fractions disco is planned for today! I look forward to finding out what the children have been doing and learning.

I have been wanting to share the photos overleaf with you since before Christmas. As Mr Martin says: Planning, teamwork, sourcing and managing resources, being resilient and seeing a project through to completion. 5 weeks of hard work and now each house team in Year 3 has a warm, waterproof den to call their own!

Forest School afternoon is definitely one of the highlights of the week in Year 3.

If you are stuck or not sure what to do,
don't forget your...

Worker Bees

- Use your brain 
- Look at the board 
- Look in your book 
- Ask your buddy 
- Ask the boss 

If you have done all those things,
but you are still stuck...



I have realised that there are children who have been awarded SuperStars certificates this school year but not yet had a mention in the newsletter. I am very sorry and will try to put that right soon!

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
Y3 (Rhine)	Jesse Blake has a great Growth Mindset and is always striving to get better in his work each day. Anna Gloor has a positive attitude, even when things are hard or difficult.
Y4 (Ganges)	Felicity Wood she applied herself when using the Bus Stop method in her work on division.
Y5 (Tigris)	Maddison Shaw has been focusing on her work and always wants to do her best. Layten Tosney has been switched on in all areas of his work.
Y6 (Amazon)	Simeon Walker is working hard in class and concentrating. Lucas Canning is switched on in English and Maths lessons.
Citizen of the Week was Poppy White in Year 6 who was nominated by her classmates and adults around school for being a positive role model.	

I hope you 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 Hinchliffe. 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.)

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Monday 9 th July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 th July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 th July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

DIARY DATES

Monday 15 th January	Week 2 of Switched On Shire Oak Fortnight (growth mindsets, etc.)
Thursday 18 th January	* James Nash (poet) working with Y3
Friday 19 th January	Geography Fun Facts Day
Thursday 25 th January	* James Nash (poet) working with Y3
Friday 26 th January	Year 2 class assembly – all welcome! 9am in the hall.
Monday 29 th January	Bun Sale run by Year 4 (Y4 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Monday 29 th January	Y3 trip to Farnley Hall, near Otley (tree identification)
Monday 29 th January	* Y5 trip to see Hairspray at Lawnswood School
Tuesday 30 th January	* Audiology nurses in school to check Y1 hearing
Thursday 1 st February	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 1 st February	* Y3 sharing assembly with poet James Nash, 'Staying Alive' 2:30 parents invited
Sunday 4 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – joining St Michael's Church at their All Age Service, 10am.
Mon 5 th to Fri 9 th February	Reading Week will include a dress up day on the Tuesday. Children can decorate a t-shirt for 'Read my T shirt' or dress as a character. Details to follow. The author John Malam will be visiting on the Thursday.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 10 th February to Sunday 18 th February. School closed for half term holiday.	
Monday 19 th February	'Get into STEM' (science, technology, engineering & maths) visitor for Y1/2
Wednesday 21 st February	Movie Night
Thursday 22 nd February	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Wed 28 th Feb & Thur 1 st March	Parents Evenings (&Y5/6 children)
Thursday 1 st March	Bun Sale run by Year 3 (Y3 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 2 nd March	Holi assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 7 th March	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Wed 7 th – Friday 9 th March	Lineham Farm residential for children in Year 4
Thursday 15 th March	Year 1 and 2 trip to Abbey House Museum for Houses & Homes topic
Friday 16 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 26 th March	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children
Thursday 29 th March	Easter production. All welcome!
Friday 30 th March – Sunday 16 th April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Wednesday 18 th April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 th April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 th April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 th April	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 7 th May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Mon 14 th –Fri 18 th May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 19 th May	Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day
Monday 21 st May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 25 th May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 th – Sunday 3 rd June school closed for May half term holiday	
Saturday 9 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 th June	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 th June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 nd June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition day

