



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to **Year 2** for such an informative and confident **assembly** on Friday last week. We particularly enjoyed the singing, balloon powered cars and how much fun you have helping each other to learn. Thank you also to the friends and family who joined us and to everyone who completed a reflection questionnaire to help us gather views on our assemblies and collective worship.

Last week we had an extra focus on **geography**. We study geography all year as part of our topics, but know that some of the facts about where places are need to be taught discretely, along with the skills to find them out. Do quiz your child on their understanding of where we are in Headingley>Leeds>England>U.K.>Europe>The World! Thank you Year 1 for these pictures of the children getting to grips with maps and atlases.



Well done to **Year 4** for organising such a good **bun sale** last week. Thanks also to the parents and carers who helped provide so many treats that there were extra to sell after school! They raised £85.85 which will directly benefit the class.

Thank you to Mr Chris Marshall who explained our **Year 4 Chrome Book** work and use of Flipgrid, Google Classroom, etc. to an audience of heads and other teachers on our family of schools away day recently. It was a good day with lots of ideas shared and discussed and lots of interest generated in the work we have been doing in this area. You can find out more by following Y4 on Twitter @MrMarshallClass

Finally, thank you to **PC Amy Meacham**, the Safer Schools Police Officer based at Lawnswood School. She came into school on Wednesday last week to talk to the Year 6 children about safe and responsible use of mobile phones, social media and the Internet. The children asked good questions and hopefully feel better informed about appropriate ways to use digital devices and the consequences if they do not choose to be kind, be safe or be their best online.

Class	Well done to this fortnight's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Bill</b> is trying all the challenges in the classroom. <b>Seany</b> is very enthusiastic in maths. <b>Emma</b> always does the right thing and is a great role model. <b>Sam</b> is always enthusiastic about learning and happy to give things a go.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Rhian</b> for joining in and positively engaging with our topic work at home and school. <b>Patrick</b> is quietly enthusiastic and engaged with topic work at home and school. <b>Priya</b> is using phonics well in her writing. <b>Murcy</b> is using phonics well in her reading.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Archie</b> is really excited about our new topic Heroes and has lots of interesting facts about real life heroes to share. <b>Lyle</b> – no matter how challenging he finds some work he never gives up. Charlie NS always strives to present his work to the best of his ability. <b>Charlotte</b> is always leading by example as a switched on Shire Oak learner.

Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Flo</b> used a growth mindset to get to grips with fractions. <b>Peggy</b> (even though she wasn't in class for an introductory fractions lessons) took a positive approach to catching up.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Jesse</b> is consistent with his positive approach to all lessons. <b>Hayley</b> has finished spelling list 24.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Hunter</b> is always so positive and has an excellent growth mindset. <b>Tula</b> has been working hard to improve her handwriting and has improved the presentation in her books.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Maddie</b> shows an enthusiasm towards her learning. <b>Rudee</b> responds to all feedback and tries to improve immediately.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was 'the Costa Crew' from Y6 nominated by Mr Davies for showing compassion and kindness in the community. The next Citizen of the Week was <b>Lily</b> because she is kind and shows her best in everything. She was nominated by Sarvagya. Well done!	

I look forward to seeing many of our families at **Shire Oak Sunday** this weekend. Although some children have been practising parts, everyone is welcome to join us and children will be able to join the choir, hold candles and watch the baby baptism. No need to wear uniform! 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](mailto:shireoakgovernors@gmail.com). Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

#### DIARY DATES

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February *	New to you uniform and hot chocolate sale after school in the hall.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Training Day – school closed to children (confirmed)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 & Y2 trip to Rainbow Factory all day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School nurses doing health checks for Reception and Year 6
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM Week including Robotics and Geography Focus Day 27 <sup>th</sup> & Escape Rooms on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March *	Shrove Tuesday pancake sale after school (hall)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Focus Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Global Green Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March *	Energy Heroes Workshop in Year 5
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Science in School delivered by Leeds University
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March *	Games Night after school TBC
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March *	Philosophy sessions with the university
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March *	Philosophy sessions with the university
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March -Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> /Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

### Year 3 and 4 Lockers

Due to new fire regulations, we are no longer allowed to have cloakrooms on corridors unless there are fire doors protecting them. This will mean some building work in Y5/ Y6 over the February half term, but this won't work for Year 3 and Year 4. We are therefore going to have to replace the pegs with lockers during half term. These will be small in order to ensure that no child could hide in them during a fire alarm. Year 3 and 4 will need to think about what they bring to school as the lockers will fit a coat, book bag and drawstring PE bag only. (Large rucksacks will not squash in!) If children have additional equipment for music lessons or bags when they travel between parents' houses then they should talk to the class or office staff who will help them work out where best to store their belongings.