



Dear Parents and Carers

**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thanks to **Year 3** for rounding off the week with a lovely **assembly**. We particularly enjoyed finding out about the books you are reading, your PE demonstration and your branching databases. Y3 have started their work with local author, James Nash and we look forward to seeing the results in Reading Week. Well done also to **Year 2** this week who have started their **swimming lessons** at Armley Pool. After a (dry!) dummy run on Wednesday they have shown that they can try very hard at organising themselves and following instructions. I look forward to hearing more about their progress.

Year 5 have had a busy week, starting their **project work with Mr Bache** and welcoming the **Blast Off workshop** today as part of their Starlight topic. As I write they are preparing to build and set off rockets - more details next week!

Occasionally we say that children can wear non-school uniform for things like trips and Forest Schools. When we do this it is because we know there is a fair chance of getting muddy or caught on branches and think wearing old clothes might save the school uniforms a little. That said, the clothes the children wear should always be **at least as suitable as school uniform**. Those activities are not ‘wear what you like’ days so please do not give in to requests to wear any of the following:

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| Skirts with or without tights  | White or light clothes you want to keep like that | Jewellery                 |
| Tops with hoods that hang down |   | Strappy or slip on shoes. |

If the children cannot do this then we will return to doing all trips and activities in school uniform! Thanks

Many of the clubs and after school activities have started this week. We have worked very hard to find funding and volunteers to run these clubs (many of them for free) so that all children can access them. Some – like streetdance – have proved incredibly popular and could be filled several times over. We do not have the spare halltime so we cannot offer an additional class right now, but have logged which children have not been given their choice so that we can put them to the top of the list next time. Please remember that these are extra-curricular clubs that we put on voluntarily, not part of the core business of school – be patient with us as we try to be fair to everyone!

**Citizen of the Week** was awarded to the **whole school** this week for their great attitudes and lovely manners. Each class

Class	Well done to this week’s Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	<b>Rylan</b> is being very brave coming into school independently after finding it tricky last week.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Kai</b> thought of interesting questions for us to research.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Rosie</b> has been persevering with some challenging maths recently.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Callum</b> tries his best and puts his full effort into his work.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Coco</b> attempts maths challenge questions with a ‘can do’ attitude.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Ashton</b> is putting top effort into all his learning in each subject.
Y6 (Amazon)	Were not in this assembly.

is having the trophy for a day.

Can you spare some time to help spruce up the school grounds? There will be painting, cleaning, clearing and gardening to do on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** from 1pm. We will try to do some more work on the nature garden, as well as clear up other areas. Suggestions for jobs that could be done to me, Miss Craven or Miss Readman please. If you have gloves and/or helpful equipment that would be great. All volunteers will be rewarded with a barbecue. Children who want to help are welcome too.

I hope you enjoy the long bank holiday weekend.

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**EXTREME READING!**  
Reading Week is just over a fortnight away and we want photos of children and adults reading in unusual places. Email them to [office@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:office@shireoak.leeds.sch.uk) or send in photos please!



## DIARY DATES

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May *	Work Party and BBQ in the school grounds, 1 pm. All welcome!
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Reading Week including:
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 special assembly to show work with author James Nash, 2:30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Leeds Book Awards
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Dress up as a character from a favourite book.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June *	Non uniform day to collect items for Music Festival tombola.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y6 Ancient Egyptians workshops.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Athletics Competition, organised by Lawnswood at Becketts Park. 9:30-1:30
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	'When Trolls try to eat your Goldfish' music & poetry production by Dominic Berry brought to us by Headingley Music Festival.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y3/4 trio to Magna for Extreme Earth topic
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June *	Class photos
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June *	Nurses visiting Year 6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June *	Reception class trip to Tropical World
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 rugby tournament at Woodlesford Primary School after school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June *	Y6 to Leeds City museum (Egyptians)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y1/2 trip to Filey
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July *	Y6 trip to the Discovery Centre (Egyptians topic)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July*	Community Week
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July *	KS2 Sports Days times tbc
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July *	Leeds Listening Yurt comes to our school.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July *	KS1 Sports Day 9am approx (tbc)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July *	Elephants Tea Party and activity day (loss & bereavement)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July *	Y5/6 production dress rehearsal
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July *	Afternoon and evening production of Y5/6 show
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July *	Sports Day reserve day (in case of inclement weather)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July *	School disco? tbc
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for Year 6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year – Year 6 will probably go bowling.

\* 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](mailto:janieps@aol.com) (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)