



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you so much to all the parents who responded to the requests for help for our pancake sale. Not only did we get enough pancakes (and even enough that Y1 and Y2 could have some leftovers with their learning the next day) but we had enough volunteers to help the event run smoothly. We really appreciate it and hope people won't be shy to volunteer in the future.



This week we have been able to see the results of Year 3's collaboration with local poet, and friend of Shire Oak, **James Nash**. James has been working with the children on their own poems about animals and yesterday they presented them in a **special poetry assembly** for the whole school and their parents. We enjoyed their poems and, like James, were impressed with their loud, clear, hall voices. (In fact he said that Shire Oak children had the best reading aloud diction out of all the schools he works with – high praise indeed!) Thank you to **Headingley LitFest** who enable this annual collaboration as well as thanks to James for his input.



Yesterday also saw the children from **Film Club** enjoying a free trip to the cinema to see a special screening of Oddball and the Penguins. They walked to and from the Vue cinema very sensibly and enjoyed the film. I look forward to seeing the reviews. Thank you to Kate Earl for running the club and organising the trip.



Make sure you get your special copy of the **Science Newspaper** that Year 4 have worked so hard to write, edit and produce!

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Flo for making a beautiful mouse and Asa for a real interest in volcanoes during STEM Week. He made his own and labelled it.
Y1 (Nile)	Rylan has been much more independent and Leilani tries her best and her work is always of a high standard.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Nathaniel for working hard to develop his maths skills with Mrs Woodley.
Y3 (Rhine)	Lydia worked very hard on place value last week. Alexander for fantastic attitude to his learning.
Y4 (Ganges)	Phoebe worked extremely hard writing news reports about science week. Lucas showed incisive thinking about density in science week.
Y5 (Tigris)	Freddie found interesting ways to add challenge in science experiments and Maleehah worked hard on her experiment evaluation.
Y6 (Amazon)	Ashton showed keen interest and understanding in science week. Simone for the way she helped younger children with maths games during STEM Week.
Citizen of the Week was Lily-Rose who was nominated by Ted because when she checks the Buddy Bench and makes people happy if they are sad or lonely. Well done Lily-Rose!	

Finally well done to **Reception Class** for their great class assembly this morning in front of proud friends and family and then an enjoyable **Teddy Bear's Hospital** this afternoon to learn about keeping healthy.

Have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

That regular **reading** and **talking about learning** during the holidays is the best way to make sure children don't lose any ground and pick up where they left off in the next half term.

DIARY DATES

15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK.
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.
Wednesday 23 rd March	Movie Night
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. THIS DATE IS LIKELY TO CHANGE DUE TO PHOTOGRAPH DAY.
Wednesday 29 th June	* Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
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
Mon 18 th & Tues 19 th July	Bikeability training for Year 6
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.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March 2017	* Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm TBC
* 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.)