



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to **Year 3 and 4** for really helping us get ready for Easter. They have worked so hard together with the lower KS2 staff team to put on a great **production** of 'Good News' a fast paced TV news version of the Easter story. We were impressed by the singing (solo and all together), the narration and performances. It was great to see such confident children working together and enjoying sharing what they had been learning. Thank you to the friends and family who came to the performance and really made it feel special for them all.



Another, slightly lower key, production took place yesterday in **Year 5**. They have been working with music students from Leeds College of Music to learn more about musical notation (including birds on a wire notation!) responding to music in different ways and composing music from a stimulus. They have worked very hard together and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed the show that was put on for them. Thank you to **Leeds College of Music** and Alun Davies for organising it all.



Reception Class shared their **first homework project** with us this week. They had been looking for ways we use water in the home and there were drawings, independent and adult writing, photos, videos, models and posters! The most



important thing was that all of the children had **talked** to their grown-ups about what they were finding out and that is what makes homework effective. They generated a great big list together with some very original ideas on. Well done Reception and well done for the way you have been practising your reading and number work at home all the time.

We rounded off the term with an **Easter** assembly this morning. Thank you to Revd Tony for coming to speak to us about Easter, thank you to

Hilary Whitehead for organising all the **attendance certificates** and thank you to FOSOPS for the prizes for the **best decorated egg** and the **Easter raffle**. I hope to see many of you at the **Easter Activities** after school today where the decorated eggs (and some spares!) will be rolled, there will be an Easter Egg hunt and refreshments, etc. Sorry that the winners of the competition didn't make it into the newsletter – just missed the deadline!

KS2 dinner money goes up to £2.30 for each KS2 child. That will now cover the cost charged to us, so no further rises are planned.

Thank you for your support in the spring term. I wish you all a **happy Easter** and look forward to seeing you all for the summer term.

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DIARY DATES

Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone in the second week)
Monday 20 th April	Back to school!
Wed 22 nd & Fri 25 th April *	Y3 and Y4 trips to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
Monday 27 th April	FOSOPS PTA meeting in Kidzone after drop off. All welcome.
Mon 27 th April to Fri 1 st May	LATE GATES challenge week. Sheila Stansfield from the Local Authority will be monitoring punctuality each morning this week.
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd May *	Shire Oak Reading Week including dress up day on the Friday
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May	Leeds Book Awards
Monday 25 th –Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Sunday 7 th June	Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Thursday 11 th June	UKS2 Athletics Competition, organised by Lawnswood at Becketts Park. 9:30-1:30
Friday 12 th June *	'When Trolls try to eat your Goldfish' music & poetry production by Dominic Berry brought to us by Headingley Music Festival.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July	Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Thurs 16 th and Fri 17 th July *	Bikeability training for Y6
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

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 (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)