



Dear Parents and Carers

I have been so impressed with the children and their attitudes to learning during our **Switched On Shire Oak Fortnight**. They have really shown that they are switched on learners, happy to persevere and try to be as independent as possible. A highlight of the last two weeks was the assembly yesterday. With only a few minutes warning, our School Council chairs Brooke and Fred led the assembly from start to finish. They introduced our Busy Bee song and then called on each class in turn to share the work they had been doing to make a **Worker Bees poster (or similar) for their own classrooms**. We had a great variety with posters featuring photos of the children demonstrating how to be good learners, huge paper posters, small individual posters and even some digital video ones. We will photograph or upload them as soon as we can to put them all on our website. Fred and Brooke closed the assembly by inviting other Y6s to read our Switched On Shire Oak Prayer for reflection.

Thank you for our **brains**

Thank you for our **imagination**s

Thank you for our **eyes and ears**

Thank you for our **hands and feet**

Thank you for our **friends and classmates**

Thank you for our **teachers**

Thank you for our **parents** and the **people who look after us** at home

Thank you that you give us **all of these gifts** so that we can **live, love and learn**

Help us to use **all of these gifts** so that we can **be kind, be safe and be our very best**

Help us to remember to be **switched on learners** at **Shire Oak** and for the rest of our lives so that we can always make the most of the special gifts we have been given.

Well done to all the children for their contributions this term and to Brooke and Fred especially. It also says a lot about our children that they were entirely respectful and listened just as attentively when assembly was led by their schoolmates. We are proud of them.

This week poet and friend to the school, **James Nash** began work with Year 3. They have already started writing some great poetry linked to their topic and we look forward to their sharing assembly in a few weeks.

Today is our annual **Geography Facts Day** in school where we have fun learning some of the facts about places in the world that don't fit into any of our topics. I look forward to hearing about the quizzes and activities that will have been happening today – see if your child(ren) can name any places or tell you any other facts this weekend!

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 Hincliffe. 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.)

DIARY DATES

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. The author John Malam will be visiting on Thursday. Book exchange after school Friday. See letter from Mr Davies.
Friday 9 th February	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 9 th February *	(Early) Shrove Tuesday pancake sale and school uniform sale with book exchange.
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
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	

Final Nasal Flu Community Clinic



Nasal Flu Immunisations in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and Reception

Did your child miss the flu immunisation programme in school?

This will be the **last chance** to obtain the Nasal flu vaccine – no more dates will be offered after this. Please ring to book an appointment for the following community clinic:



Tuesday 30th January 2018
3.30pm – 6.30pm (by appt only)

Armley Moor Health Centre
95 Town Street
Armley
Leeds
LS12 3HD



This is an appointment only clinic - please ring: 0113 8555224 to book an appointment

Please note: Flu immunisations can only be given to those children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and Reception who have missed the vaccine in school. No other age ranges will be immunised and will be turned away.

If you have any queries regarding the vaccination or the community clinic sessions, please contact the School Immunisation Team on 0113 8555224 or 0113 8555232.