



Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

**Happy Easter!** I hope you had a great Easter weekend. It feels strange not having our holidays attached to the festival itself, but it does mean we were able to really mark Easter and Holy Week in school.



On Monday last week Rev Tony joined us for a special **Easter assembly**. As well as reflecting on the story, we sang Easter hymns and held our decorated Easter Egg competition. The number and standard of entries was very high with some incredibly inventive and careful designs. Well done to everyone who took part, and to the winners whose eggs have been on display in school.

On Wednesday we were treated to **Good News** – the Easter production put on by Years 3 and 4. It was very accomplished and a mature telling of the story by children who had obviously worked very hard and collaborated well to put on such a good show. The Easter story is key to understanding Christianity and many western books, films and art but it is hard to understand - so we are very impressed with how they handled the topic. Thanks to the audience for joining us, and to the staff who worked so hard with the children to get them ready and confident to perform.





As part of our work on using the Nature Garden as a space for **reflection**, Susie Hopkins developed a special **Easter labyrinth** for us there last week. The children enjoyed carrying out the contemplative tasks and spending time in this special place. We were very pleased that some friends and family were able to join us after school on Wednesday. Thank you to Susie and Phill Hopkins for all their work creating it for us. (Thanks also to St Michael's for the eggs!)



## EASTER LABYRINTH 2016

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Hope</b> is always trying her best and <b>Alex</b> loves learning and thinking of his own ideas.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Evie</b> takes every opportunity to write and <b>Patrick</b> is really persevering with his writing, trying to write more and use connectives.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Emaya</b> always tries her best to do the right thing and <b>Hunter</b> is a great role model, always doing his best.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Peter</b> always shows respect to others, always listens to advice and tries to apply it, and always tries to be a good classmate. <b>Ruby</b> has an inspiring 'can do' attitude. She is always positive about her work, her friends and herself.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Ella</b> is always keen to answer questions and <b>Natalie</b> has been working well to write a play script in a group.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Matthew</b> is always making the right choices to enable his learning and <b>Niamh</b> is always trying to her best in class in every subject.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Jack</b> makes positive choices and always does his best. <b>Aaliyah</b> always makes the right choices and demonstrates a positive, growth mindset.



**Citizen of the Week** was **Alex in Y3** who was nominated by Lydia in Y3 for always being kind and safe to all. Well done Alex!

Thank you to everyone who supported **Movie Night** on Wednesday evening – the children enjoyed watching Inside Out, having snacks with their friends and raising money for extras at school. Year 4 have been very busy with their trip to the **university science fair** last week and **Bewerley Park residential** this week. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Have a great holiday!

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### Academies

Following the budget announcements parents may be interested to know that we are not making any rush decisions on becoming an academy. We continue to work well with the local authority, the diocese and our local schools and will be concentrating on maintaining those good links at this time.

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](mailto: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.)



## Musical Minecraft

Headingley Library

Tuesday 12 April 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Thursday 14 April 10.00 – 11.30 am

Set up and use a Raspberry Pi computer

Learn how to code using Sonic Pi

Create your own sounds and samples using the Piano HAT

Book your free ticket [www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)

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## Minecraft Photobooth Selfie

Headingley Library

Tuesday 5 April 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Thursday 7 April 10.00 – 11.30 am

Set up and use a Raspberry Pi computer

Build your own photobooth in Minecraft

Learn Python code and use a Raspberry Pi to take a selfie

Book your free ticket [www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)

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DIARY DATES	
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone are running a playscheme during the first week.
<del>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> April</del>	<del>Our Reading Week. This will include a dress up day (characters from books) on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.</del> This will be after the 16 <sup>th</sup> May – confirmed dates to follow.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	FOSOPS Spring Clean event at school – please help!
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May *	Y6 school nurse height and weight check
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June *	Reception Class trip to Tropical World
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents' meeting 9:30am and 6pm
Teusday 14 <sup>th</sup> June *	Y3 trip to the Mining Museum
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Ralph Thoresby transition days for September's Y7
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day – meeting new classteachers, etc.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, 9:15am TBC
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, 2:00pm TBC
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sport for Life Week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/Y4 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	R/Y1/Y2 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y/Y6 Sports Day, 9:15am weather permitting
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July *	End of year concert, 1:30pm (this is a change of time)
(Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> and Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July)	Reserve dates for Sports Day (Thursday pm KS2 and Fri am R/1/2 Fri pm KS2)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	