



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to the fabulous audience who joined us on Thursday for the performance of 'Resurrection Rock' by Year 3 and Year 4. Like you, we were so very proud of the children who sang beautifully, worked well as a team, acted with confidence, humour and great timing and did a great job of telling the Easter story. What is particularly impressive is



that they have done this only since Year 4 returned from residential and whilst keeping much of their usual timetable (more or less) in place. Thank you to the staff who all worked together to help the Y3/4 children feel confident, learn their parts, look the part and have great scenery to act against.

This morning saw the (early) Easter celebrations continue with a **special assembly** of singing, attendance certificates, a visit from Reverend Tony, the drawing of the Easter raffle and the judging of the decorate an egg as a hero competition. A lovely end to the end of a busy term. Plans are already firming up for the next two half terms, which include **Reading Week** in May (yes – there will be a book dress up day), **Headingley Youth Music Festival** on Saturday 10th June and **Multicultural Arts Week** following on from that where children will explore a variety of cultures, religions and places of worship. All offers of help and ideas gratefully received to Susie Hopkins please!

We did not have a SuperStars assembly this week because of the Easter production but special mention should go to all those children who have quickly got to grips with **TimesTablesRockstarz** and are getting good scores in their times tables checks at school because of this. The holidays are a good opportunity to spend a little time playing times tables games or practising saying them out loud when you're out and about.

You have probably noticed that we have been having work done to automate our Wood Lane **gates**. This was recommended to us by Leeds Health and Safety team to keep children and staff as safe as possible. The pedestrian gates will be open around school drop off and pick up times. At all other times there will be an intercom system to request that school, Pre-School or the Children's Centre (whichever is appropriate) buzz you in. There is also an intercom system on the car park gates. The gates will be open before 8:20am and after 4pm for dropping off and picking up at Kidzone. The car park is not generally available to parents and carers between 8:20 and 4:00 to minimise the risk of children getting knocked over and to ensure enough spaces for staff to park. There are always, however, exceptions to any rule and the following are examples of times when parents/carers should feel free to use the intercom to request access:

- Parents, carers or grandparents with reduced mobility (a blue badge is not necessary)
- Picking up children who are ill or injured
- Special Needs or other LCC transport
- Other special circumstances discussed with school.

I have attached to this newsletter an e-flyer for a holiday camp at Lawnswood and a competition that children may wish to enter.

Have a great holiday and a very happy Easter!

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DIARY DATES	
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Tuesday 18 th April	* Football match against Methley after school, c.4pm (home)
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Saturday 22 nd April	FOSOPS Car Wash fundraising TBC
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Thursday 27 th April	Y2 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Please note change of day)
Tuesday 16 th May	Leeds Book Awards, book club trip
Thursday 18 th May	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 th May	Spring Clean and BBQ TBC
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Thursday 8 th June	Reception Class trip to Harewood House
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 th June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Thursday 22 nd June	* Y5/6 trip to Jodrell Bank TBC coming back later to school that day
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 th June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Wed 28 th & Thursday 29 th June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June	d:side drug and alcohol education sessions
Wednesday 5 th July	* Y1/2 trip to Filey (TBC) coming back later to school that day
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* 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.)