



Dear Parents and Carers

# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

On Monday children in Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by **firefighters (and a fire engine)** as they continue their topic on Heroes. The children are very good at welcoming visitors and asking questions to help them understand more.

Thank you to **Year 5** for this morning's **class assembly**. We enjoyed the learning you shared from your Circle of Life topic and particularly the singing (and acting) to remember scientific concepts, the gorgeous artwork, thoughtful written work and the confidence with which you presented yourselves. Thank you to all the friends and family who came to watch them to make sure they had a proper audience for their efforts. Please can I reiterate that although I don't expect **younger siblings** to be silent during performances, please intervene when they are making it difficult for the performers to be heard or are proving a distraction. I know it can be hard judging whether to take them outside and worrying about missing your school age child's contributions. Do ask us, therefore, for help if you would like one of us to take the little one(s) for a walk around or to see if there is somewhere you can stand with them where you can keep watching the action but the noise is less of a distraction.



Well done to **Sophie** in Year 3 who was the runner up in the **national RSPCA Compassionate Cook competition**. You can see her **eggstremely punny** video if you search for 'RSPCA Sophie makes her eggcellent omelette!' Not only did she win a medal, an RSPCA magazine subscription and some cookware, but she won a lot of children's cookware for our school too which Miss Corner is very excited to be using in cookery lessons. Well done and thank you Sophie!

The law has changed on **booster seats**. Although parents can continue to use safety equipment they already have, new seats must conform to the updated legislation. There is a helpful Yorkshire Evening Post article on it here <https://goo.gl/8gy5X2>

Year 3 have been enjoying **Forest School** and doing well with their outdoor learning. They have been using tools safely to start making kazoos from willow and working as a team to carry out an archaeological dig and then present their findings in history.



I hope you have a good weekend and hope to see many of you at our special Holi assembly next week when we will share our learning about this Hindu spring festival.

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### Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

School Council have been busy planning our contribution to Comic Relief. They have asked children to add one red thing to their normal school clothes on this day (a jumper, some socks, a hair accessory, etc.) Y1 & Y2 will be dressing up as heroes as part of their topic on this day too so that there aren't 2 dress up days close together!

DIARY DATES	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS Car Boot Sale
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y3 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	* Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	* Y1/2 Dress up as a hero day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	FOSOPS Car Wash fundraising TBC
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! (Please note change of day)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Clean and BBQ TBC
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Leo</b> and <b>Charlotte</b> use phonic knowledge and can segment words.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Toma</b> and <b>Peggy</b> have been improving their attitude to learning and working with enthusiasm.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Rafi</b> and <b>Rory</b> are trying hard with their spellings and consistently trying to spell accurately.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Nathaniel</b> and <b>Mayah</b> are committed to learning their spellings and are using new spelling skills.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Irish</b> tries hard to apply spelling rules to her writing.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Isabel</b> and <b>Imana</b> for working to enlarge their vocabulary and spelling words correctly.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Kaisha</b> and <b>Alim</b> working hard on spelling words correctly.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Libby</b> in Year 2 who was nominated because she's always kind and she tries her best to be good friend to all of the smaller children. Well done!	

Please see previous newsletters online for our usual safeguarding message which has unfortunately been squeezed out this week!