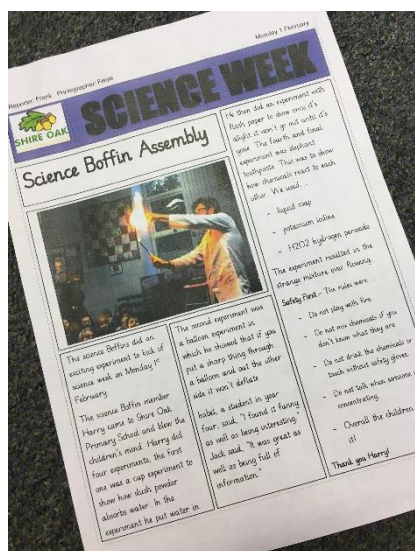




Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Hopefully you have heard from the children all about our special **STEM Week**. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. These are some of the things that we have enjoyed this week:



A visit from '**Science Boffin Harry**' – we kicked off the week with a special assembly that included debunking magic tricks, non-popping balloons, flash paper and then expanding elephant's toothpaste. Harry then visited the older classroom to carry out some more experiments and make some ice cream, with the help of dry ice!

A visit from **Zoolab** – after an introductory assembly they visited the younger children with their menagerie of animals that included a corn snake, a tarantula, a bearded dragon and a giant millipede!



Year 4 have been **Skyping** with scientist Mr Davies senior (yes, a relation) who set them challenges to complete which they attacked with gusto.

A special STEM **Stay and Play** in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – thank you for joining us.

A special science **demonstration on density**, by one of our governors (Dick Killington) – who happens to be a science professor from the University of Leeds.

Trips by Year 5 and Year 6 to local high schools Lawnswood and Ralph Thoresby to use the science labs and carry out experiments.

Fun lessons and **challenges** in our own classes linked to the week's theme.

Year 4 have been **busy journalists** this week, writing up newspaper recounts for a special newspaper – look out for it next week. (It also features Year 6 photography.)



It is due to be our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sale** after school on Tuesday. Unfortunately, FOSOPS do not currently have enough volunteers to run the stalls selling the pancakes and toppings. Please let us know ASAP if you can help! We are also looking for donations of pancakes on Monday or Tuesday (homemade or bought) that we can reheat after school on Tuesday. Thank you very much.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class for their learning in STEM Week
YR (Thames)	Arlo asked lots of interesting questions and are fully engaged.
Y1 (Nile)	Ubayd focused and worked well in a team when building his house.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Mayah thought carefully and tried her best during her science experiment.
Y3 (Rhine)	Arthur and Irish answered lots of questions showing their excellent science knowledge.
Y4 (Ganges)	Adam wrote an interesting newspaper report about the Science Boffin assembly.
Y5 (Tigris)	Django has shared his interesting ideas and applied those to his scientific learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	
Citizen of the Week was Tiago who was nominated by Thomas because he calmly got a teacher when Thomas hurt himself at breaktime. Well done Tiago!	

Have a great weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 9 th February	*	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school IF WE GET ENOUGH HELPERS
Friday 12 th February		Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February		HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 26 th February		Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Friday 26 th February		Y2 start 4 week block of PE sessions with Leeds Rhinos.
Thursday 3 rd March		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 th March		Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 th March		Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 th March		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 th March		Geography Day
Wednesday 23 rd March		Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Wednesday 23 rd March	*	Movie Night
Thursday 24 th March		TRAINING DAY – confirmed
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March		Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April		Year 4 Residential to Beverley Park
4 th – 15 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 th April		Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 th April		Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Monday 2 nd May		BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May		KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 th May		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May		Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May		House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 20 th May		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Friday 27 th May		Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June		HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June		Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 11 th June		Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Friday 17 th June		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June		TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 th June		Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June		Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 th July		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July		Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th July		Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 th to 22 nd July		Sport for Life Week
Mon 18 th & Tues 19 th July	*	Bikeability training for Year 6
Thursday 21 st July		End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 th July		Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
* 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.)