



Dear Parents and Carers

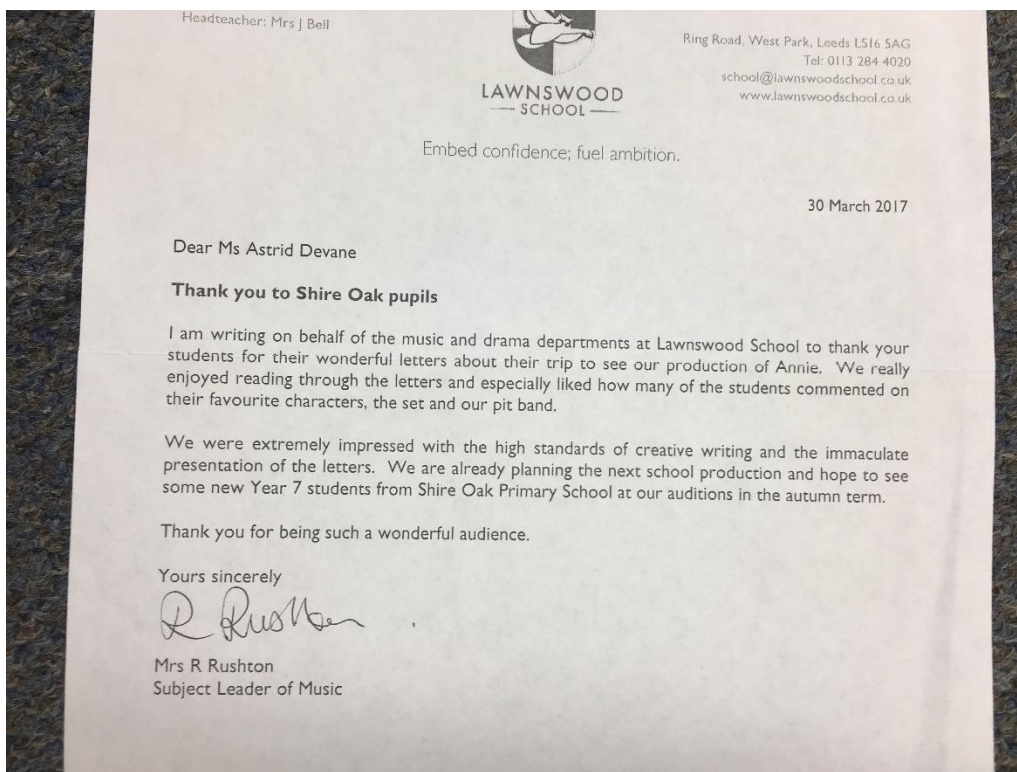
SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

I hope you had a happy Easter and a good school break. Well done to the reporters and editors who put together **The Big Leaf** that went home last week instead of a newsletter. I was incredibly impressed with how they worked together in their lunchtimes to write, edit and format the newspaper. They honestly had no adult input except for putting in the diary dates and printing the edition – fantastic! They are working on another issue and new members are welcome to join their **newspaper club**.

Year 5 have been impressing high school teachers with their writing and good manners. After going to see the Lawnswood production of *Annie*, they naturally wrote to say thank you. We have received this letter back from the head of music.

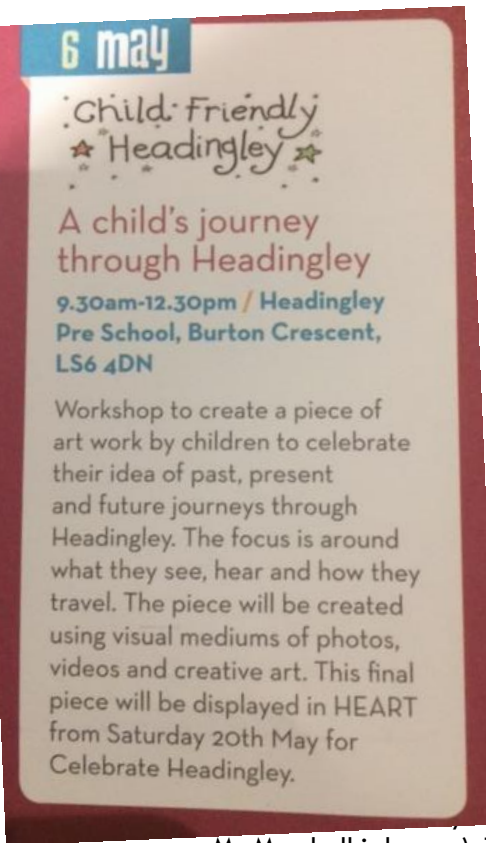
School councillors in Year 5 have further impressed with their writing... their persuasive letters to the grant awarding panel at the **GMB union** were so convincing that we have received a cheque for £500 to help us develop the Quiet Zone on the playground for children who want a peaceful spot to spend time during breaks and lunchtime. Well done Brooke, Fred, Isabel and Lewis!



On the subject of improving the grounds at Shire Oak we are soon going to be having our **FOSOPS Groundforce Day**. For four hours on a Saturday we get together to work on tidying, washing, hoeing, weeding, planting and otherwise sprucing up our outside areas so that our grounds are a pleasant environment to learn, play and visit and so that we keep things safe and as environmentally friendly as we can. This is always a fun day with jobs for adults and children – those with specific skills and those with enthusiasm. The workers are rewarded with a **barbecue**. Please see the attached flyer and send back in your slip. We would also like a few volunteers to go round the school grounds in advance of the day listing the things we could and should be doing – please see Liz Craven, myself, Jayne Wheeler or any member of FOSOPS if you could volunteer to be a fresh pair of eyes for us. Thank you.

I am always impressed at Shire Oak with the great turnout for **Parents' and Carers Consultation Evenings** and this week has been no exception. Most classes have had 100% of parents making and attending an appointment and the others are not far behind. Our teachers are always very understanding that there will be some parents who cannot make the dates given and so have been making separate arrangements before and after school to suit. If you have not had a recent appointment, please ask the teacher or the school office to arrange a convenient time to hear about your child's progress and how we can best work together to keep them safe, happy and learning as well as they can.

The **football team** have had a mixed start to the term. They were kitted and ready to play last week but the opposing team didn't come (automatic points – Mr Marshall is happy). This week they were two points up against Adel in the first half. The opposing team equalised, but then the hail shower struck, bewildering our defence who conceded a further two goals. Well done to our players who play cheerfully in all weathers!



Well done to Y2 who put together a great **bun sale** yesterday. Great baking, great helping by Y2 and a great amount of nearly £54 raised 😊

Thank you to **Year 4** for their great class **assembly** this morning. It was so lovely to see what you got up to at your residential at **Lineham Farm** last term. Thank you too to the friends and family who came to watch them.

Have a good weekend!

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DIARY DATES	
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 (from Y5 and Y6)
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
Tuesday 13 th June	* Meeting for new Reception parents and children
Friday 16 th June	* Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome! THIS WILL PROBABLY MOVE
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.
Monday 26 th June	* Y3/4 trip to Magna
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
Thursday 6 th July	* Transition 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.)

Shire Oak

Ground Force Day

Saturday 20th May

11am-2pm

with free BBQ

Can you help us dig, plant and clean the school grounds?

If you can help please fill in the slip and return it to school
before Friday 12th May.



Name of child(ren)

Class(es)

Numbers for BBQ

Meat

Veg