



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this morning for **Stay and Play** – it is always lovely to see the children enjoying activities with parents and other adults and hopefully it leads to opportunities for further conversations at home.



The children enjoyed Wednesday's special assembly that Mrs Bennett had organised with the **basketball** coaches and it has hopefully inspired them to keep thinking about the activities they enjoy that help to keep them healthy for life.

Y1 enjoyed an **RE visit to St Michael's Church** yesterday. They spent time exploring the space, asking questions about how Christians worship and enjoying the quiet space for their own reflection time. Thank you to Rev Tony and others from St Michael's for meeting the children and working with them as they learn about places of worship.



Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Laurence has been working out lots of doubling problems and Joe has started life at Shire Oak positively – what a super new member of the class!
Y1 (Nile)	Joel is trying hard to improve his writing by forming letters and correctly using phonics and Evie is trying hard to improve her writing by remembering her finger spaces and phonics.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Lia persevered well during PE.
Y3 (Rhine)	Milo is listening carefully and is focused in maths and Erin uses her maths knowledge across the entire subject and always give maximum effort.
Y4 (Ganges)	Mia has been working independently on column addition and subtraction and Phoebe is thinking carefully about redistributing for column subtraction.
Y5 (Tigris)	Kyle made some excellent acting contributions during our Egyptian workshop and Francesca is showing more confidence in her learning in all subjects.
Y6 (Amazon)	Amelia for working hard to improve her maths at pizza club and Raygan is taking on challenges in a positive way.
Citizen of the Week was Noah who was nominated by Fred because he is kind and polite to visitors, opening doors, etc. Well done Noah!	

Headingley LitFest have asked us to publicise an event and we are very happy to – we value the support they give us in enabling poet James Nash to work with us. This **book launch** (overleaf) looks great and is set in places the children will know well!

Have a great weekend.

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Saturday 19 March
11.30am

Meanwood Institute,

Free

Florence and Jem - The Wooden Dragon

LITFEST BOOK LAUNCH

Florence stopped.

She didn't dare move. From somewhere deep in the wood a raucous rumbling roar was getting louder and louder.

Following the success of last year's The Whale in the Woods event, local author Julian Oxley is back at the cosy Meanwood Institute to launch his second book in the Florence and Jem series - The Wooden Dragon.

Set in Meanwood Woods and The Hollies the illustrated children's story follows Florence and her dog, Jem as they search for the owner of the raucous rumbling roar. A family event.

Tea and yummy cakes available.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 12 th March	FOSOPS Woodland Walk — all welcome FOSOPS needs more volunteers to be able to run events like this. Unfortunately it has been cancelled.
Monday 14 th March	* Stories Alive! present Shakespeare's The Tempest to Years 4 and 5 in the afternoon
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 Bewerley Park
4 th – 15 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone are running a playscheme during the first week.
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th April	Our Reading Week. This will include a dress up day (characters from books) on Tuesday 26 th .
Thursday 28 th April	Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Friday 29 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
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
Thursday 19 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	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 th June	New date for 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.
Friday 8 th July	FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
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.
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd 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	

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.)