



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the half term break, I hope it was enjoyable and even a little restful. At school we are looking forward to **Parents and Carers Evenings** next week. We always have a very percentage of families attending – in the high 90s – and are glad you think they are as important as we do. This year children in Years 1-6 have not been receiving their termly assessment report sheets as they have done in the past. This is because we have moved to the new National Curriculum and so the old National Curriculum levels that we used no longer map onto the new expectations. In school we have been developing our **Shire Oak Standards** which are lists of the end of year expectations in reading, writing and maths. These are working well and we are using them to inform our teacher assessment as well as our internal tracking so that we can continue to keep a close eye on the attainment and progress of all pupils at our school. You will receive an end of year report as you have before. We are developing our termly reports and would very much welcome your thoughts and ideas on the most helpful information for parents to receive in this way. (Send ideas by email, or talk to one of us please!)

At next week's parents' evenings the teachers will talk to you about how your child is getting on at school and how to help them at home, but please do ask any questions you have! Make sure you have an appointment, and if you can't make the two dates offered arrange a different time with the class teacher.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Did not attend assembly this week.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Lewis</b> has made so much effort with his writing. <b>Dilraaj</b> is trying hard to concentrate and ask questions when he is unsure to help him do his best written work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Erin</b> is consistently a great role model in our class. <b>Khi</b> has shown a great improvement to developing good, Shire Oak behaviour.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Sam</b> started the new term positively and determined to have a go at our challenges. <b>Chanelle</b> started this term determined to be the best 'me' that she can be.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Simeon</b> started the new term positively. <b>Poppy</b> is enthusiastic about her learning in science.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Aaisha</b> you are putting in top effort in your writing. <b>Thomas</b> you made a positive start to this half term.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Emily</b> for showing focus and determination in maths. <b>Dwayne</b> has returned to school after half term with a very switched on attitude.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Rachel</b> who was nominated by Ruby for really living out our principles of Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Your Best. Well done Rachel!	

Today two teams of children from upper KS2 are representing the school at a **Quick Sticks hockey tournament** run by Leeds Hockey Club at Weetwood Sports Park. I hope they have had a good day and I look forward to hearing all about it on their return. We have lots of sport going on in school at the moment, using links with rugby clubs, basketball and other opportunities. We really want to make sure each child leaves our school with at least one sport or physical activity that they love! We are pleased to hear that the PE funding from the government is continuing so we will be able to run the summer term intensive swimming course again in Year 2.

Have a great weekend.

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### Did you know?

That we listened to your comments about the scooters and the bikes getting jumbled up and School Council decided the money raised by FOSOPS on a brand new Scooter Pod for them to be stored separately. Look for it near the front of school.



School Council also decided on blinds for the hall to make plays and productions more atmospheric and these were installed during the holidays.

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	* Year 1 hearing tests by school nurses
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	* Special basketball assembly
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	* Reception height and weight checks by school nurses
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	* FOSOPS Woodland Walk – all welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Movie Night
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – confirmed
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photograph day – clean, smart uniform please!
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	* New date for Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	* FOSOPS Toy Exchange and afternoon tea – to be confirmed
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sport for Life Week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability training for Year 6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.)