



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see almost all of you at **Parents' Evenings** this week. It is always good to hear how children are getting on and how we can work together to help them as much as possible. (If you had to miss it on Wednesday or Thursday, then please ask us to reschedule at another time early next term.)

We have been very fortunate this morning to have virtuoso pianists from the Leeds International Piano Festival playing in assembly for us. Year 4 have been very lucky as they also been able to visit the Town Hall this week as part of the festival for a **Piano Fantasia** concert. They really enjoyed the concert and were good ambassadors for the school. This wasn't even the first trip they had been on this week! They also had a great time at the **Leeds Festival of Science** on Tuesday using microscopes, checking heart rates and learning about the periodic table.



Thank you very much to Rebecca, a Y1 parent, who came to work with KS1 this week. They learned all about **eco bricks** made from materials that can't be recycled and even had a go at making them too!



Well done to Year 5 who enjoyed their **football tournament** at Lawnswood on Tuesday. They played well as a team, and supported each other whilst winning one match, drawing three matches and losing one in the last minute – all with great spirit. (Hence the mixed emotions in the photo!)

Thank you to all the parents (and children) who baked and provided buns for Monday's **bun sale**. They raised very nearly £85 which will be used for something that benefits Year 2. It is a lovely treat every few weeks that the children look forward to.



Thank you very much to the **RNLI** who sent Jos and Josh to talk to KS2 and then KS1 assembly about staying safe in and around water. There was lots of good practical advice that the children enjoyed learning. For those children who can already swim, they told us about free Swim Safe lessons being offered at the seaside this summer which teach children to swim safely in the sea. <https://rnli.org/safety/swim-safe> They also have plenty of games and activities to reinforce their messages online at <https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/online-learning> This is part of our PSHCE curriculum and the various learning opportunities we plan throughout the year to help children learn to keep themselves and others safe.

As **Easter** is late this year (and Leeds has fixed the **holidays** for the first two weeks in April) we will be back at school for 4 days before the Easter weekend, when school will close for Good Friday and Easter Monday. During that first, short week we will enjoy the Year 3&4 Easter production – the singing is sounding great already!

The two week holiday will be a good opportunity for children to enjoy some crafting as they prepare to enter our **decorated Easter Egg competition**. They should take an ordinary hen's egg and either hardboil it or 'blow' out the yolk and albumen. They can then decorate it by painting, sticking, moulding, staining, dyeing or anything they can think of. The very loose theme this year is 'Springtime' and entries can be brought to school by Thursday 18th April when they will be judged at lunchtime.



I do hope you all enjoy a lovely spring holiday. Please help the children keep up with their regular reading! We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 15th April.

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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 Jane Hinchliffe.

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. Our parent governors are often on the playground, if you would like to talk to them.)

DIARY DATES

Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Monday 15 th April	Back to school after the holiday!
Tuesday 16 th April *	Visit from Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell to Y5/6
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Thursday 25 th April	Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Abbey Grange after school
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Mon 20 th & Tues 21 st May *	D:Side drug, alcohol and medicine safety lessons
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 22 nd May	The Big Sing – Year 6 perform with children from all of Leeds
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Thursday 23 rd May	Possible tri athletics tournament (TBC)
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 15 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! NEW DATE
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week (including Ofrenda)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 5 th July	Staff v pupils football match & barbecue in aid of WWF (organised by Y6)
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	