



Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks for your cooperation this week with keeping school open during the local gas works. It was good to be able to avoid disrupting the school week unnecessarily. It did prompt some interesting conversations about everyday school uniform though. For clarification, children can at any time wear clothing appropriate to the weather, including tights, long johns, long sleeved tops, etc. Clothes that are visible should be of **school uniform type** and in the school uniform colours of white, grey, black and purple. It might interest parents to know that it is possible to buy long sleeved polo shirts online and from some school uniform retailers. Leggings/cycling shorts are a handy way to make skirts and dresses warmer and handstand-proof but are not suitable school trousers on their own.

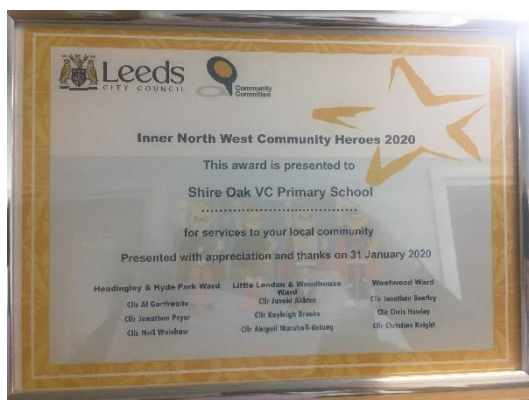
A few of the children have been worried about **Coronavirus** after hearing the news or listening to conversations about it. Please help to reassure them by stressing that to people who are fit and well it is no more risky than the flu and that the best thing they can do is be very sensible about sneezing into a tissue or their elbow and making sure they wash their hands regularly. One or two children had confused the information that people travelling from abroad, particularly China, were most at risk. They understood this to mean people with overseas origins were more susceptible to the disease! Please help us tackle this misconception. The DfE have stated clearly, “You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.”

Well done to **Reception Class** for a delightful **class assembly** yesterday. The children performed with such enthusiasm, confidence and understanding – no wonder we were all so proud of them! It was lovely to be able to share some of their learning in maths, writing, PE, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and People and Places. Thank you to the friends and family who were able to join us and to Pam from Kidzone who always makes sure ‘her’ children have an adult in the audience.



We were proud and pleased to have been invited to the Inner North West **Community Heroes Awards** evening on Friday.

As it was a late evening with alcohol we didn't take any children along, but sent Marcelle Maver to collect the award on our behalf. We always aim to be **rooted in the community, growing for the future**, so we were particularly pleased to have been given this award.



As this letter goes to print we are enjoying two key stage assemblies to share the work done on **Geography Day** last week when children got to grips with finding out about geography skills and knowledge that doesn't fit into our topics but is important to learn (such as the counties and countries of the United Kingdom, famous landmarks and the ancient, modern and natural wonders of the world). Thank you, Sharon Hall, for organising it. Theme days and weeks help to enhance our curriculum and really immerse children in a subject. We are very much looking forward to **Writing Week** next week! We are also looking forward to hearing more from Year 1 and Year 2's trip to **Abbey House Museum** this week as part of their Home Sweet Home topic.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Lexi is making great progress with her reading. Jann is always happy to read at school and at home.
Y1 (Nile)	Were on their trip to Abbey House Museum being great ambassadors for school!
Y2 (Arvi Aru)	Were on their trip to Abbey House Museum being great ambassadors for school!
Y3 (Rhine)	Frankie has made huge improvements with her reading. Lyle has an enthusiastic approach to his reading.
Y4 (Ganges)	Sam always shows a positive attitude and is a good team player in PE. Rosa shows a good attitude and has been understanding complex sentences.
Y5 (Tigris)	James is a dedicated reader and is developing his R.I.C. responses. Anil is showing improvement in his reading and comprehension.
Y6 (Amazon)	George is challenging himself by reading a wider variety of books. Katelyn is really enjoying her reading and doing lots at home.
Citizen of the Week was Bea who was nominated by Ada for being very good at solving problems on the playground. Well done!	

Shire Oak Sunday

This Sunday (9th February) we are all invited to take part in the all-age service at St Michael's Church, 10am. Children do not need to have practised a part to come along and join in.

Have a good weekend. I hope to see some of you at St Michael's on Sunday morning.

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Did you know?

That if your child is absent and we don't hear from you, we will try all your emergency contacts and possibly do a home visit. This is to make sure all our children are safe and has been particularly advised as good practice after an unfortunate case where children were home alone all day with a parent who had died due to heart failure. Please help us by phoning, texting or emailing the office if your child is unwell or absent for any other reason.

Y4 reminding us to sing 'happy birthday' twice when washing our hands.

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

Sunday 9 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – welcome to join the all age service St Michael’s Church 10am
Monday 10 th February *	Audiology school nurses to visit Y1
Monday 10 th February	Y5 watching We Will Rock You dress rehearsal of Lawnswood production
10 th to 14 th February	Writing Focus Week including House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 14 th February	FOSOPS games night 3:30pm – volunteers needed to help out please!
Monday 2 nd March	Bun Sale with donations by Y2 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – we dress up as characters or ‘wear’ quotes we love.
Thursday 5 th March	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 6 th March *	Concert by Combined Schools Band and Tutti, school hall in the evening TBC
Wed 11 th - Fri 13 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th March	Movie Night TBC
Thursday 19 th March	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 24 th March	Y4 Piano Fantasia trip (as part of Leeds Piano Competition)
Thursday 26 th March *	Step into Easter trip for Y5
Friday 27 th March	Y5 rugby league match at Richmond House (walking at 2.30pm, kick off 3.30)
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter production dress rehearsal
Friday 3 rd April	Easter production, c.9:15 in the hall, all welcome!
Wed 22 nd & Thur 23 rd April	Parents Evenings in the evening. Y5 and Y6 attend appointments with their parents.
Monday 27 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Y1 but available for all to buy
Wednesday 29 th April	Y2 Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 th April	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Friday 1 st May	Y4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 4 th & Tues 5 th May	Visits from d:side on medicines, drugs, alcohol and smoking
Thursday 7 th May	Reception Class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday (2020 only) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 th to 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 15 th May	Y6 flag bearers at Leeds v Huddersfield rugby match in the evening.
Saturday 16 th May	Ground Force Day and BBQ – help to improve our grounds
18 th to 22 nd May	Green Week including road safety
Thursday 21 st May	Class and team photos
w/c Monday 1 st June	Bikeability for Y6. Get practising so you’re ready!
Friday 5 th June	Eid assembly
Friday 5 th June	Non-uniform day (in return for tombola items for Headingley Youth Music Festival)
Monday 8 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
Monday 8 th June	Nurses to see Reception and Y6
Wednesday 10 th June	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th June	Relationships Education meeting for Y5/6 parents in the evening TBC
Thursday 11 th June	New Reception parents’ meetings (am and evening)
Saturday 13 th June 12-4pm	Headingley Youth Music Festival. All our children perform & includes summer fair
15 th to 19 th June	Geography Mapping Week (includes orienteering)
Tuesday 16 th June	Stay and Play, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in class at the start of the day
Wednesday 17 th June	TRAINING DAY – school closed to children TBC
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 24 th June	Music recital for children learning instruments in and out of school
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Adults v Children netball match and barbecue
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production performance in front of the school
Thursday 9 th July	Y5/6 production for parents in the evening, 6pm. All welcome!
Monday 13 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day c.9am and Y5/6 Sports Day c.1.10pm (weather dependant)
Tuesday 14 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day c.9am
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers’ Service 10:30am St Michael’s Church
Friday 17 th July	Parties and Y6 Leavers’ Bowling trip or similar
Monday 20 th July	Likely to be a closure day due to building work on our roof.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar> term dates

* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change