



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been our **Switched On Shire Oak Week**. We have been revisiting the things that help us be engaged, independent learners such as SLANT, our Worker Bees and work on Growth Mindsets.

**Criticism** – taking it well

**Obstacles** – overcoming barriers

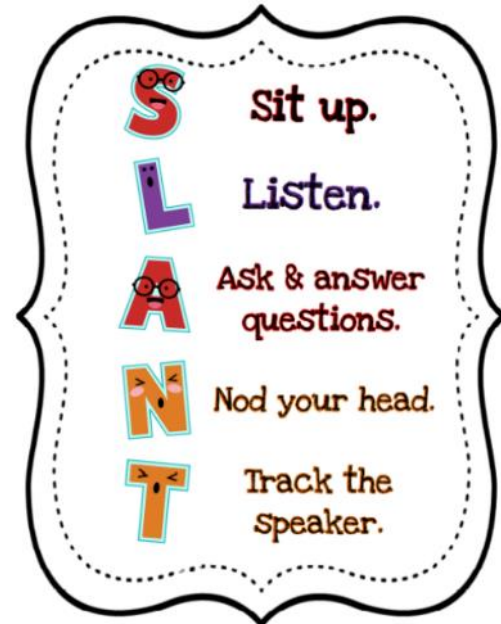
**Success of others** – not feeling bad because of it, letting it inspire us

**Effort** – putting lots in

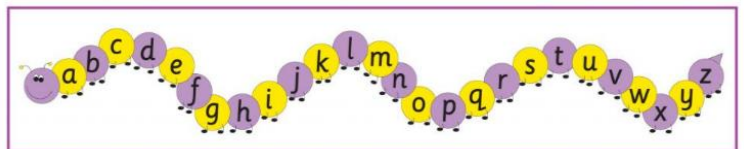
**Challenges** – welcoming them



We have used the opportunity to do some focused work on key areas of the curriculum where we have to take personal responsibility to learn the knowledge and skills we need. On Tuesday we had a **spelling focus day**. We introduced the 8 Shire Oak Spelling Rules each child in KS2 needs to know and had fun with a whole school spelling bee. (Children from each year group competed for their house teams, supported by every child in school showing words on their whiteboards.)



To support the development of our spelling and our vocabulary, we had a focus **Dictionary Day** on Wednesday. After a special assembly together the children have been spending time doing dictionary activities and making their own dictionaries. It really helps children's independence in using a dictionary if they know the alphabet off by heart.



The final, whole school activity this week is the **Geography Quiz Day** that we have been enjoying today. After a quiz in assembly and a challenge to find out fun facts, we have spent time in our classes learning some of the geography facts from the new curriculum that do not fit into our topics (which is where we do most of our geography learning). Hopefully children will be excited about the names and places they have been learning about. There is a grid below to help you with talking to the children about this and testing their knowledge!

Headingley > Leeds > West Yorkshire > England > United Kingdom > Europe > The World.

SHIRE OAK GEOGRAPHY PROGRESSION GRID: LOCATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

KS1		KS2			
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.	Locate and name the continents on a World Map.  Locate the main countries of Europe inc. Russia. Identify capital cities of Europe.  Locate and name the countries making up the British Isles, with their capital cities.  Identify longest rivers in the world, largest deserts, highest mountains. Compare with UK.  Identify the position and significance of Equator, N. and S. Hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.	On a world map, locate areas of similar environmental regions, either desert, rainforest or temperate regions.  Locate and name the main counties and cities in/around Yorkshire.	Locate the main countries in Europe and North or South America. Locate and name principal cities.  Compare 2 different regions in UK rural/urban.  Locate and name the main counties and cities in England.  Identify the position and significance of latitude/longitude and the Greenwich Meridian. Linking with science, time zones, night and day	On a world map locate the main countries in Africa, Asia and Australasia/Oceania. Identify their main environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and major cities.



Year 4 received this lovely praise from **Lawnswood School** after their visit to their library yesterday: *“They were all so well behaved, and a credit to your school.”* Our children took part in the activities offered, with support from some great Year 8 role models.

I have been asked to pass on this health and safety announcement, ‘We would like to remind parents and carers to

always read and follow the instructions carefully when using chemical insecticide products, typically sold in chemists, to treat head lice. This is because these treatments contain flammable elements. You should not therefore use hair dryers, or any other ignition source such as matches, lighters and candles near anyone during the treatment process whilst the product is being used. This advisory note follows a recent incident in West Yorkshire in which a child’s hair was accidentally set alight during treatment resulting in the child sustaining serious injuries.’ Useful information on safely treating headlice can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/> and we appreciate your help with keeping this potential problem under control.

Have a good weekend.

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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 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.)

### DIARY DATES

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	*	Y5 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January		Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January		Vacuum Cleaner Project (STEM and drama) Years 4 and 5
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January		Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	*	Shine a light on bullying week. Visiting theatre production Tuesday 'Hope' (Y2-6)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February		Tim Peake inspired science session in Y5
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	*	Children's Heart Appeal Café in the hall, 2:30-4pm. TBC
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February		Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February		House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February		Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February		HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		NSPCC assemblies
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	*	Y4 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February		Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		NSPCC Y5/6 workshops
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	*	FOSOPS Car Boot Sale TBC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	*	Y3 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April		EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April		School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	*	FOSOPS Car Wash fundraising TBC
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> April		Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	*	Y2 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	*	Y1 Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	*	Spring Clean and BBQ TBC
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June		Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	*	Movie Night, 5-7pm. TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June		TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	*	Reception Class Bun Sale morning break (children may bring up to 50p)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Transition days for Ralph Thoresby High School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July		Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July		End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July		Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> July to Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> 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