



Dear Parents and Carers

# SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

At school we are busy getting ready for **Easter**. We can hear lovely singing from the hall as Year 3 and Year 4 prepare to share their **production** with us next week. Mrs Hopkins has set up a special walk in the Nature Garden so that children can learn about the Easter story using ideas from a traditional **Stations of the Cross**. We understand that some



children are also getting busy for Easter at home and have already planned their **decorations** for our **egg competition**. Either hard boil or 'blow' an egg and let the children decorate it however they would like for our competition. Last year we had figures from history, cartoon heroes, traditionally dyed eggs, springtime decorations and storybook characters. Please bring them into school on Thursday – the winners will be announced at lunchtime and then the eggs can be brought home to be part of your Easter decorations.



As this letter goes to print, Year 6 are enjoying a morning of mind-stretching **maths puzzles at Lawnswood School**, working with older children. I hope it is as enjoyable a trip as last year's was.

Year 1 and Year 2 certainly enjoyed their trip to **Abbey House Museum** last week as part of their Houses and Homes topic. They enjoyed the workshop and exploring the museum (as well as going on a coach and eating their lunch if their recounts are anything to go by.) They behaved well and learned a lot, so we are proud of them.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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PS Please see SuperStars overleaf!



Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	<b>Arthur</b> is very enthusiastic about reading at home and in class. <b>Alek</b> is always a happy and enthusiastic member of the class.
Y1 (Nile)	<b>Pippa</b> has been a friendly and fun member of the class. We will miss her! <b>Emily K</b> is trying hard to write more and to check her work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	<b>Jovan</b> for making a big effort with his writing. <b>Joe</b> is beginning to recognise ways to move his learning forward and work more independently.
Y3 (Rhine)	<b>Jesse</b> always tries his best and is a good role model. <b>Eva</b> is always kind and helpful to everyone in the class.
Y4 (Ganges)	<b>Rattan</b> and <b>Mayah</b> contribute well in philosophy.
Y5 (Tigris)	<b>Alfie</b> is concentrating and putting effort in across the curriculum. <b>Logan</b> has great ideas in art and produces beautiful work.
Y6 (Amazon)	<b>Lewis</b> is showing a mature attitude to his learning and behaviour. <b>Morgan</b> always makes good contributions in science and shows good understanding.
<b>Citizen of the Week</b> was <b>Tula</b> who was nominated by Sophie and Violet for always being polite. Well done!	



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](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

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Bun Sale run by Year 2 (Y2 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Our in school Easter assembly with Rev Tony (children & staff only)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	* Confirmed date for School Nurses to check Reception height, weight and eyes. (am)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Rescheduled Y4 trip to the Science Festival at Leeds University (industrial action notwithstanding) a.m.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Easter production dress rehearsal in front of the other children pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	* Decorated eggs competition – please bring your entry to school today
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter production performed by all of Year 3 and Year 4. All welcome! 9:30am.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April. School closed for Easter holiday.	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	D:side working in classes
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1-Y6 reports to parents given out this week.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	D:side drugs and alcohol safety sessions in classes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale run by Year 1 (Y1 please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 trip to Temple Newsam
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May school closed for the bank holiday.	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 trip to Temple Newsam
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week for Year 6.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> <del>19<sup>th</sup></del> May	* Spruce Up Shire Oak Groundforce work day. Please note change of date due to FA Cup and Royal Wedding street parties.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Bun Sale run by Reception. (YR please bring in cakes, children can bring up to 50p)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	* Book Club trip to Leeds Book Awards TBC
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Non – uniform day for items for summer fair at Headingley Youth Music Festival
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June school closed for May half term holiday	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (including our summer fair) 12-4pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Mapping Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 carrying the flags at Leeds Rhinos v St Helens match in the evening
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Open Gardens (TBC) when we will open our grounds to visitors
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	* Reception trip to Harewood House TBC
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the start of the day.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July	* Lawnswood School Transition Days (Y7 in 2018)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Give out reports to parents this week.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital by children learning instruments. TBC.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal (am)& evening performance for Y5/6 End of Year Production
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Learning through Sport Week (including swimming gala, TBC)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	New to you/secondhand uniform sale after school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service, St Michael's Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	