



Dear Parents and Carers



The highlight of this week was definitely our **House Team Hobby Half Day**. The children enjoyed working in groups with their other house teammates on a variety of activities around the theme of Festivals, including weaving, dragon making using origami skills, festival smoothies, making Chinese games and other craft activities including making Chinese lanterns. A festival wouldn't be complete without music so we had Samba drumming too! Thank you to the support staff and Mrs Maver for organising such a great afternoon.

Well done to Year 4 for organising a fun **bun sale** this morning. Thank you to parents and carers who support us by sending in buns to sell, and/or money to shop! They raised £48.50 ☺

This week we held our **House Team meetings** on Thursday morning with all of KS1 and KS2. This year we are trying to meet in house teams for discussions before **School Council** meet to make decisions. That way they have a much better idea of the views of the whole school.

On the subject of the local flooding, they decided:

- to write thank you letters to the volunteers
- to advertise the benefit concert (this finally beat the idea of hosting our own thank you festival!)
- to make buns and cakes for the benefit concert, if they are wanted

On the subject of how to spend the money FOSOPS have raised, they decided:

- They are interested in disco lights and a smoke machine – if they can be used for plays too. (They pointed out that we would also need curtains or blackout blinds then too. They are right!)
- To see if we can afford scooter pods to store our scooters so they don't get jumbled up with the bikes

Their other ideas for school included:

- A pool table (if we can find somewhere for it to go)
- To start using the ping pong table more
- To set up a Lego lunchtime club
- To investigate nets around the football pitch to stop so many balls ending up over the fence
- To put up the rota for classes being called into dinner so that children know the order it is happening

The school councillors have hopefully reported back to their classmates today, or will do at the start of next week.

To follow up their request for a **Lego club** – can anyone help us with the equipment to set it up? I know that the Lego in your homes probably still gets regular use, but perhaps a grandparent or relative has a box of used Lego in the attic that could get a second lease of life? It washes well so we don't mind how old it is! Please let me know if you have any or even just send it in o school to come to me please!



Class	Well done to this (& last) week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class.
YR (Thames)	Lacey is working hard and practising writing her name. Solomon is working hard both inside and outside, asking interesting questions.
Y1 (Nile)	Anna listens carefully and does her best in lessons and Ubayd is working hard on phonics, reading and being a good role model in class.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Georgia has a positive attitude and has settled into school and Kai is making great improvements to his handwriting.
Y3 (Rhine)	Alex is working hard to use next steps and make his work a bit better. Chanelle is working hard to improve writing by using her next steps and checking carefully – and she is succeeding!
Y4 (Ganges)	Max chose a difficult challenge in English and met it with flying colours. Brooke is making thoughtful contributions in lessons.
Y5 (Tigris)	Keira puts top effort into class and Noah is contributing more in class.
Y6 (Amazon)	Emily is impressing us all with her Switched On Shire Oak attitude to learning. Amber is demonstrating a Switched On Shire Oak attitude.
Citizen of the Week was Isabel in Reception Class, nominated by Imana and Laylani in Y4 for sharing, being smiley and cheerful and how she plays with everyone. Well done Isabel!	




Next week on Friday is the FOSOPS after school **Sausage Sizzle and Toy Swap**. We would appreciate it if you could look through the children's toys with them this weekend and see if there is anything that they think might like a new home in return for a different toy. There will be a café and sausage sale too.

Have a great weekend.

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← Jago in Year 4 practising his observational drawing and shading skills during art this week.

Did you know?

That it is soon our **STEM WEEK?** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). If anyone has any good ideas or offers of help please see your child's class teacher or talk to Mr Marsahll (Y4) or Ms Devane about it. Thank you!

DIARY DATES

Thursday 28 th January	Football Match Shire Oak v Weetwood - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 29 th January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 th January	* After School Toy Exchange and sizzling sausage sale
1 st -5 th February	STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week.
Monday 1 st February	Science boffins day
Tuesday 2 nd February	Year 5 & 6 science trips to Ralph Thoresby
Wednesday 3 rd February	Zoolab day as part of Science Week
Thursday 4 th February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Friday 5 th February	* FOSOPS meeting, Community Room, 9am.
Tuesday 9 th February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 26 th February	* Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Friday 26 th February	* Y2 start 4 week block of PE sessions with Leeds Rhinos.
Thursday 3 rd March	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 th March	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 th March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 th March	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 th March	TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 th & Mon 28 th March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 th March – 1 st April	Year 4 Residential to Beverley Park
4 th – 15 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 th April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 29 th April	* Bun sale at morning break, run by Year 2
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 th to 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 th May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 th May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 20 th May	* Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
Friday 27 th May	* Non uniform day – please bring a tombola prize for HYMusicFest instead money
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Saturday 11 th June	* Headingley Youth Music Festival (our community music festival & summer fair)
Friday 17 th June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 st July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 th July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 th July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 th to 22 nd July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 st July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 th July	Leavers' Service, 10:30am, St Michael's Church. All welcome.
* 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 Julia is often on the playground, particularly at the start and end of the week, if you would like to talk to her.)