



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

I hope you all had a good half term and then a good long weekend. Highlights of the term so far have been the fancy moves and great costumes at the **FOSOPS Fancy Dress Disco**, our **Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly** and the quality of the **homework projects** handed in and celebrated this week in assembly. Thank you for your support for all of these but



especially to all parents who help with the most important homework of all – regular reading, practising maths facts and talking about the children’s learning. This week in our Homework Assembly there were special certificates for children who make regular good efforts at home on their day-to-day practice.

Reception Class have been busy with their learning inside and outside the classroom. On the 5th November they enjoyed a **bonfire** and toasted marshmallows and were very good at learning to be around a fire safely. They are also doing very well at learning their letter sounds in phonics. If you missed the parents’ information meeting about this, please see Chloe Grey or Sarah Coulter to have a chat about how we work together to help the children learn to

love reading and writing.

Our **training day** on Friday was really inspiring. We were finding out more about the research behind **Fixed and Growth Mindsets** and how we can encourage children to believe they can get better at learning, that it doesn’t matter if they make mistakes on the way (in fact, they are supposed to!) and that before we learn how to do something well we often don’t feel great about it. For a short video to explain the differences, please see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brpkjT9m2Oo> (ignore any adverts.)

The challenge now is to adapt how we use praise, how we help children in class and how we encourage children so that they become more and more independent and resilient. Do feel free to ask us more about this work.

Citizen of the Week last week was Lily-Rose in Year 2 who was nominated by various people for quickly being a great Shire Oak citizen. We had a special Superstars Assembly last week and presented new **lunchtime award** certificates to children that the Lunchtime Staff had particularly noticed making a good contribution to positive lunchtimes. Well done to all those children who have recently received the certificates, as well as everyone with tickets in the lunchtime lottery pots.

Well done to Alexander (Y2), Callum (Y3) and Lewis (Y3) who took part in the **recent football trials** and have been **selected** to represent our cluster of schools. They are now training for four weeks and will then play in matches against other local clusters.

I hope to see many of you at our **Open Morning** on Wednesday which is for current and prospective parents to see an ordinary school day in action. Finally, can I please remind you about voting in the **parent governor elections?** The office have envelopes if you need them for giving in the secret ballot.



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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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)

Job Vacancies

Looking for work to fit in with school hours?
School holidays hard to cover?

Leeds City Council's School Meals Service is recruiting kitchen assistants to help provide and serve meals to the children of Leeds.

We can offer:

- ✓ Local jobs
- ✓ Term time only contracts
- ✓ Working hours between 11.30am and 1.30pm
- ✓ £6.54 per hour
- ✓ No experience necessary as training and support will be provided
- ✓ Equality of Opportunity – applications are welcome from all, irrespective of sex, race, marital status, age, disability or whether lesbian or gay.

You will need to:

- ✓ Be enthusiastic and a good team player
- ✓ Be reliable and hard working
- ✓ Enjoy working with children.

Appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Criminal Records) check.

For more information or to apply, phone us on 0113 37 82323, email helen.collins@leeds.gov.uk or apply online at <http://jobs.leeds.gov.uk/>

DIARY DATES

Monday 17 th to Friday 27 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
Wednesday 19 th November	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, all welcome. 9:15am.
Wednesday 19 th November *	Sports Hall Athletics Event (18 children from Y5/6) at Leeds Trinity, 10:45-12:00.
Friday 21 st November	Year 6 class assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 24 th November *	FOSOPS meeting, Kidzone room. 9am. All welcome (including babies/toddlers)
Wednesday 26 th November	Winter Festival of Fire straight after school
Thursday 27 th November	The Power of One anti-bullying show, a.m.
Friday 28 th November	Year 5 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. Staff and students from Leeds City Academy will be available after assembly to talk to parents.
Friday 28 th November *	Y5 trip to Carr Manor school
Friday 28 th November *	Carol Singing at Victoria Court
Friday 5 th December	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. This is a change from the 7 th November.
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Friday 5 th December	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y1 please.
Wed 10 th to Fri 12 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas production, pm. (Dress rehearsal the day before)
Tuesday 16 th December *	Choir carol singing at Wheatfields Hospice
Mon 15 th - Fri 18 th Dec *	Christmas parties
Wednesday 17 th December *	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church, 1:30pm. All welcome NEW DATE!
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 th January	First day back at school
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, all welcome. 9:15am.
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 nd January	Movie Night
Friday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 th February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	Year 4 Residential, Beverley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May*	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 17 th July	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter

