



Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely final week of term. The children (and adults!) have really enjoyed the **Carol Service, School Christmas lunch, disco and Christmas parties.**

The children from Year 6 presented the readings well at our **church service** - especially having only been given them the day before as they had been away at **Robinwood** on residential the week before. The Year 6 children did very well at Robinwood, trying lots of new activities, working as a team and looking after all their own belongings on the train there and back. The choir led our singing of Silent Night and other children showed the sign language for our carols and played bells or coconuts to accompany our singing. Thank you to St Michael's for hosting our annual service and to all of our friends and family who joined us.



When we came back to school the hall was decked out with Christmas table coverings, crackers, Christmas music and a fully tinselled kitchen staff who served a **delicious dinner**. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it a special event.

There were some very tired children yesterday after the **disco** on Wednesday night. The new DJ's lights were popular as were the glow sticks. (I think one Year 3 child bought the majority of them though!) Thank you very much to the parents and staff from FOSOPS who organised and supervised the disco.

This week the children have enjoyed the games, dancing and treat food at their **class Christmas parties**. It always feels very special to the children to wear party clothes to school and celebrate with friends and teachers. Thank you for the food or money donations to make it a special occasion.

Yesterday **Book Club** made a special visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse to see the Christmas production of **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**. They loved the scenery and were excited to see the book come alive. Book Club have met every Monday lunchtime and read a chapter of the book each week to discuss it. Many thanks to Janie, Miss Readman and Mrs Maver for organising the trip. (PS Look at the lovely compliment they received!)

We have enjoyed marking Advent in school and feel that the children are very ready for Christmas and a good break now. I hope to see them all in the New Year, refreshed and ready for lots more learning!

Have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

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Our advent candle holder, given to us by St Michael's church. →

We cheated and lit the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's candle in our final assembly this morning where we also gave out attendance certificates and enjoyed the last Christmas carols and songs of the year.

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I would just like to say how lovely a small group of your children acted getting off the bus in Headingley this evening. They were all so well mannered and we're doing exactly what I assume had been asked of them! They must have had a lovely time wherever they had been as they seemed so happy! It was so nice to see and felt that they all deserve to know. They are a credit to your school and the local community! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### Did you know?

There is a teachers' **training day** on the first day back after Christmas Staff will be making sure we have the right resources to teach the new curriculum in all subjects.

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

21 <sup>st</sup> December – 1 <sup>st</sup> January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	TRAINING DAY (confirmed)
5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning, 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January *	Reception and Y1 special session with Leeds Trampolining Club
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS meeting in the Community Room, 9am, all welcome.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	4 School Council representatives to event with Leeds City Council
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Football Match Shire Oak v Weetwood - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM (science, tech, engineering & maths) Club Week.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Science boffin week
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Zoolab day as part of Science Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome. (STEM focus)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) event straight after school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
15 – 19 February	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 3
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match Weetwood v Shire Oak - played at Lawnswood School - KO. 3.45
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Production by Years 3 and 4. All welcome.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	TRAINING DAY – TBC
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday and Easter Monday. School closed.
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 Residential to Bewerley Park
4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM BREAK. Kidzone may run a holiday playscheme.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	TRAINING DAY –TBC Assessment and report writing.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Reception Class
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Eid Assembly, 9am, whole school. All welcome.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, supported by Year 5.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sport for Life Week TBC
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year concert, 1:30pm. TBC
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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	