



SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It always feels like such a privilege to work in a primary school in the run up to Christmas. Yes, children (and staff) are tired and there are more rainy days than we would like, but excitement levels are high as we approach the end of term and take part in all the lovely **Christmas events** that the end of the first term brings.

A particular highlight this week has got to be the **nativity productions** put on by Reception Class and Year One/Year Two. We enjoyed A Wiggly Nativity and It's a Party! The children sang well, spoke their lines confidently, acted with enthusiasm and expression and joined in very well. They were helpful to each other and seemed to really enjoy telling their story. Immense thanks are due to all the staff in school who work hard to rehearse and prepare the children, props, costumes, etc. in a way that lets the children enjoy the process. Thanks are also due to the parents and carers who contributed with costumes and came to support the children today.





Thanks are also due to Gwen and family at The Vale Stables round the corner. They have donated us a beautiful Christmas tree which is proudly decorated with baubles handmade by Year 2. The tree will be 'disrobed' on the last day of term so that Y2 can take home their treats. If anyone would then like the Christmas Tree for their own home do get in touch to express an interest (it would be on a donate as you feel basis, unless there's a lot of interest.) The Vale Stables are open in the run up to Christmas and have a collection point for a local food bank.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 brought some Christmas cheer to the shoppers in Headingley earlier this week when they went **carol singing** on the Arndale Centre. They sang with gusto (drowning out the noise of the traffic and the cherry picker), delighted passers-by (and those who stopped passing and sat to listen) and even raised over £80 simply by having a bucket with them. There are 80 children who have been taking part in our choir this year, so they take it in turns to go on the various carol singing excursions as 30 is plenty for a visit to a care home or hospice!



The children in book club have been busily finishing their books so that they could go on their special trip this week – an exclusive showing of the film of Charlotte's Web in the quaint old movie theatre at Armley Mills museum. Ordinarily book club go to see the Christmas production at The Playhouse, but we needed an alternative this year whilst the theatre is being refurbished.

Well done to Year 5 who raised over £60 with their **bun sale**.

Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class for setting a high standard in writing or being the most improved writer in their year group.
YR (Thames)	Tilly –Grace practises her writing in the areas. Chloe often chooses to write and is begging to write sentences!
Y1 (Nile)	Zac has worked hard on his writing for the last term and it is great. Emily consistently produces interesting and clear writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Kai has worked hard to develop his writing and is becoming much more independent when doing so. Myla is always imaginative and creative in her writing.
Y3 (Rhine)	Edie B used her knowledge of place value and addition facts to 20 to solve addition problems with 2 and 3 digit numbers using column addition (and presented it neatly). Hope has listened well, looked at models and images and had a go independently at bridging multiples of 10 when subtracting on a number line.
Y4 (Ganges)	Rafi presents his maths work very well, which helps his calculations. Sophie is applying her maths knowledge well in assessment tasks.
Y5 (Tigris)	Leila takes great care with her writing and is improving by doing her best. Skye has writing of a high standard.
Y6 (Amazon)	Tiago is writing in an exemplary way. Owen's writing has come on in leaps and bounds recently.
Citizen of the Week was Maddison . She was nominated by Lydia for being kind, compassionate, honest, an amazing friend, a good role model and lots more besides! Well done!	

I hope to see many of you at our Carol Service on Tuesday, which will be held in St Michael's Church. Have a good weekend.

St Michael and All Angels Headingley

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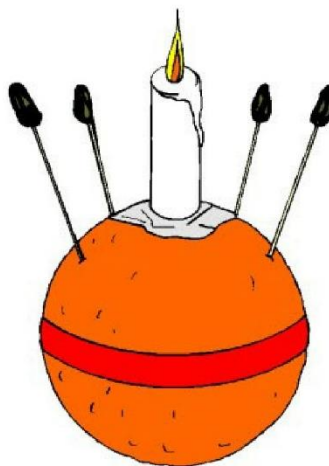
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We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or 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 Julia is often on the playground, if you would like to talk to her.)



Christingle Service

24th December

4pm

A Big
THANK YOU



Shire Oak Primary School

You collected 130.94 kg of food for Harvest
for supporting Leeds North and West foodbank.

Your donations make a **BIG** difference
to local people in crisis.

Leeds North and West foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



DIARY DATES

Monday 17 th December	Carol singing at Wheatfield's Hospice
Tuesday 18 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 19 th December	Carol Singing at Grove Court, 10:30am
Thursday 20 th December	Carol singing at Victoria Court, 1:30pm
Friday 21 st December	Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor. Children may wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas colours or anything they consider festive. We will take a collection for Save the Children.
Mon 24 th Dec to Fri 4 th Jan 19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 th January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 17 th January	Maths Focus Day including Puzzles afternoon for Y6 by Lawnswood staff
Friday 18 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 21 st January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Friday 25 th January	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 3 rd February	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 th February	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Thursday 7 th February	Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Monday 11 th to 15 th February	Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Thursday 14 th February *	School nurses doing health checks for Reception and Year 6
Mon 18 th to Fri 22 nd February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Tuesday 26 th February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
w/c Monday 25 th February	STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 th & Escape Rooms on the 28 th
Wed 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 th March	Geography Focus Day
Thursday 14 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 th March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 25 th March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Thursday 24 th March *	RNLI water safety assemblies KS1 and KS2
Thursday 28 th March	Y4 visit to Piano Concert at town hall
Sat 30 th March -Sun 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 th April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 th /Mon 22 nd April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 th April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 23 rd May	Countryside Live trip to Ledston, Year 6s
Friday 24 th May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 th June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 th June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 th June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 th June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 th June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 th June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC

Wednesday 19 th June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 th June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 th June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 th July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 th July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 th July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 th to Fri 19 th July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 nd July	End of year celebrations (
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
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* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	