

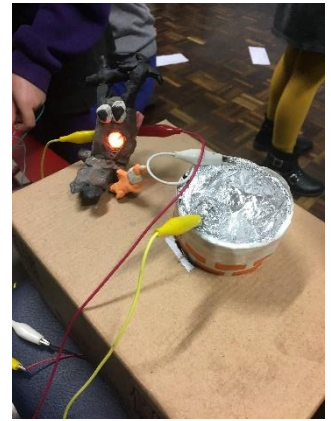


Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

It has been a busy fortnight since our half term break and the children (and staff) are working hard. Thank you to all the family and friends who were able to join us for our **Y5 assembly** last week (pictures below) our **Divali assembly** and/or our **Y3 assembly** today. It is so good for the children to have a supportive audience they can present their learning to and sing for and it really makes a difference to how they develop in confidence. Well done to all the children who spoke with clear, hall voices and who showed all the different subjects we teach and learn here at Shire Oak.



Thank you also very much to everyone who has sent in contributions to the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Romania**. We have been bowled over with the response and Joanna Hall (Reception Class learning support assistant) has been working with some of our older children to sort out the donated boxes and package up the remaining gifts into complete shoeboxes. Thank you for the time, care and expense you have given.

The other Christmas campaign School Council are supporting is help towards a **Christmas reunion party for neonatal babies** (in Leeds hospitals) and their **siblings** on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. This party gives families the chance to meet, support each other and share experiences through and after a very hard time. They are looking for (new) presents to give to children, of all ages, from Santa, money to help run the party and decorations for the venue. Please send any of these (clearly labelled) into school. **They will be collected on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

Last week Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed their trip to **Yorkshire Sculpture Park** and did some great learning linked to their topic – as well as having a great day out! It has been good to hear from the children all about their favourite animals and the best bits about the trip.

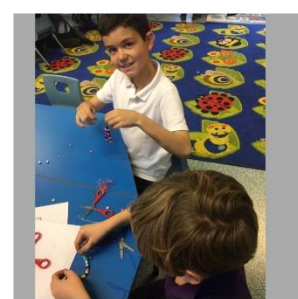
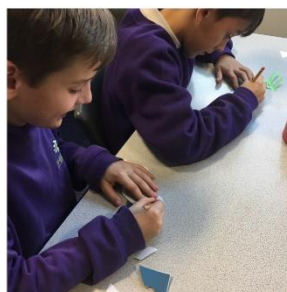
This week our Year 6s have been great school ambassadors. They have given skilful and insightful tours of school to prospective parents and carers during our **Open Morning** and **Open Evening** and I received a lot of lovely feedback about them.

Mrs Koyuncu in the office has asked me to pass on a couple of pieces of information: **Dinner money** for this half term is £81.60. (Y6 pay £74.40, due to residential.) We have a new **uniform provider** and therefore there have been one or two price changes. With the old provider, cardigans were £10 and jumpers were £7. The new prices are: cardigans and jumpers at £9 each and we now go to size 13 in both. Book bags - we now have 2 types, one with a shoulder strap and one without. The old book bags were £3.50. The new ones are now £4 and the ones with the shoulder strap are £5.50. Prices for the polo shirts remain the same.



Join us on Tuesday evening for the **Headingley Lights Switch On**. We have been invited to sing and will therefore be joining St Michael's congregation and choir outside the church at 5:30pm. All are welcome! Refreshments served afterwards.

Please also join us next week after school for the **Winter Festival of Fire**. A real highlight of the school year we hope you can join us for outdoor crafts and activities, refreshments in the hall, singing round the fire and more. Please see Year 3's great posters for more information!



Children enjoyed our **Friendship** themed **House Team Hobby Half Day** this week. Working in mixed age house teams the children baked, beaded, made pom poms and crafted, as well as playing steel pans, designing posters on the computer and playing co-operation games in the hall. Thank you very much to everyone who led a group.

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P.S. Leeds are consulting on changing the Admissions Policy for schools in Leeds. The main change is to set catchment areas for community and voluntary controlled schools like ours. They welcome all views and encourage us to respond by the deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The proposed boundaries are interesting and it seems might most affect Meanwood families.  
[www.leeds.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation)

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, if you would like to talk to her.)

P.P.S. SuperStars and Citizens of the Week will be celebrated next newsletter.

### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge TBC
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Headingley Christmas lights switch on & carol singing outside St Michael's 5:30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Winter Festival of Fire in the school grounds straight after school. All welcome!
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	KS1 learning about Thanksgiving with a visitor (TBC)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Birthday of Guru Nanak– all welcome to share our special assembly. 9am, the hall.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	FOSOPS school discos in the evening. R/KS1 4:30-5:30 7 KS2 5:45- 6:45
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Wildlife Workshop on The Ridge TBC
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Meeting for Reception parents about how we teach maths. 6pm. TBC
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November *	Y1 trip to St Michaels to learn about baptism (TBC)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Toy Sale by School Council (clear out before Christmas)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6 children
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club trip to the theatre TBC
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Bun Sale with donations by Year 5 but available for all to buy
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Club trip
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December *	Nativity Plays by Reception and KS1 morning (c. 9:30) and afternoon (c. 1:30) (FOSOPS refreshments)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing at Wheatfield's Hospice
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church. 10:30, all welcome.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas parties and a special Christmas visitor
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 19	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15-11:15am.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Maths Focus Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 4's turn to make/bring buns for the bun sale
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Shire Oak Sunday at St Michael's Church 10am. (We will join their all age service)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Training Day – school closed to children TBC
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Week – including our Book Day dressing up day and House Team Hobby Half Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone plan a playscheme.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bun Sale with donations by Year 3 but available for all to buy
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	STEM Week including Geography Focus Day 27 <sup>th</sup> & Escape Rooms on the 28 <sup>th</sup>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lineham Farm residential for Y4
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography Focus Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bun Sale with donations by Year 2 but available for all to buy
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March -Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone may offer a week.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Production by Y3/4. All welcome!
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> /Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Bun Sale with donations by Year 1 but available for all to buy
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y2 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. Children do not attend school.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform day (bring in items for Headingley Youth Music Festival tombola stall)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY. Children do not attend school. Kidzone run a playscheme.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Headingley Youth Music Festival (includes our summer fair) All welcome! TBC
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents meetings (am and evening)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class visit to Leeds Beckett Discovery Garden (TBC)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	SRE (Relationships Education) parents' evening for Y5/6
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play for Reception, Y1 & Y2 families. All welcome at the start of the day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Movie Night 5-7pm TBC
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bun Sale with donations by Reception Class but available for all to buy
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Arts and Faith Week TBC
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Class Assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Recital (TBC) for children who learn an instrument or singing
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 production (dress rehearsal in the morning) performance in the evening
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	R/1/2 Sports Day (subject to weather) in the morning
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Bikeability (be practising ready for this!) TBC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of year celebrations (
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church 10:30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term before the summer holiday.
<a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar</a> term dates	
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	

Winter Festival of Fire 3-5pm  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018  
 Shire oak CE Primary School

