



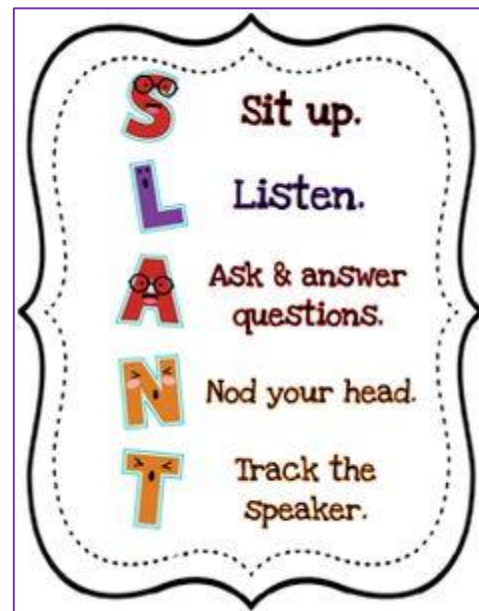
Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Welcome back! I hope you had a great Christmas and feel ready for the new year. I hope that none of you were affected by the flooding in Kirkstall, although I know that our families have been among those offering their time and talents to help with the clear up. We will be looking at that in assembly on Monday.

We start the year with **Switched On Shire Oak Week**. This is a chance to remind ourselves what makes a great, switched on Shire Oak learner. We looked again at how we can make sure we avoid a Fixed Mindset and develop a Growth Mindset. (This video explains <http://is.gd/mindsets>) We also looked at how we can show others we are engaged and ready to learn, boost our ability to pay attention whilst getting into good habits and even trick ourselves when we feel a little tired! (SLANT is one way we remember this.) This morning we enjoyed a special assembly where all classes shared their learning about how to learn from this week. We also presented special SuperStar certificates, which I will include in next week's letter.



Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for Schools

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14 December 2015

Dear Ms Devane,

I am writing to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the school's continuing improved performance in national key stage 2 tests.

Your school's results, as published on 10 December, show that you are amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in attainment at level 4 or above in reading, writing and mathematics each year from 2012 – 2015.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to give them a platform for success at secondary school and beyond. Your school's continuing improvement will provide this.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards high standards of educational achievement, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP

We were pleased and proud to receive this letter from the **Department for Education**. We are particularly proud that we have improved these key skills whilst holding onto our broad and creative curriculum.

Susan Koyuncu has asked me to let you know that **dinner money** for KS2 pupils this half term is £66.70.

We may be tired of the rain, but these KS2 girls and boys are undeterred from their morning football game.



Have a great weekend.

Jane Astrid Devane
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DIARY DATES

Monday 11 th January	*	Year 5 start 5 weeks sport & healthy lifestyles sessions with Carnegie/Asda.
Tuesday 12 th January		Reception and Y1 special session with Leeds Trampolining Club
Thursday 14 th January		Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Thursday 14 th January		FOSOPS meeting in the Community Room, 9am, all welcome.
Friday 15 th January		Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Friday 15 th January		4 School Council representatives to event with Leeds City Council
Wednesday 20 th January		House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 nd January		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Tuesday 26 th January		Quick Sticks Hockey competition, Weetwood Sports Park, 9:30 – 3pm
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.
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)
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.
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.
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 27 th May		Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 1
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.
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

