



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our Year 6 children who acted as superb tour guides at this week's **Open Morning**. They were all trusted to do the job and were great ambassadors who showed that they are confident, love learning and like school – our best advert! Thank you to the current parents who also came to have a look round and/or help with refreshments and chatting to prospective parents about life at Shire Oak. We will be holding another one in January if you know of families who missed it.

This week **Reception Class** have been busy getting ready to bake bread in class. As well as the cooking they have been listing the ingredients and then going to the shops to buy them. Here is one group proudly setting off on their trip.

Thank you to **Year 4** for their virtual class assembly – we have enjoyed watching it this morning. Our aim is to have in-person class assemblies for the second assembly of the school year, all being well.



Advent is a lovely time in a primary school and I am very much enjoying hearing the younger children practising their Nativity plays and the older children starting to learn carols for us to sing at our Carol Service and when groups go carol singing in the local area. There will also be the chance for community singing on Tuesday at the Headingley Lights Switch On in the evening (all children are automatically in the choir, if they want to be!) Children are still working hard on the whole curriculum, however, and also continuing to work hard on practising phonics, spellings, times tables and maths passport facts at home. Thank you for your support with this. Here is a catch up of recent SuperStars to celebrate:

Class	Well done to these Superstars who have been chosen by staff in their class
YR (Thames)	Enys will make sure someone is okay when they are upset. Marnie B is always kind and caring with her classmates. Maisie shows great listening and learning at carpet time. Josie always tries hard and listens well at carpet times.
Y1 (Nile)	Max worked super hard on his creative homework! Eleanor created original homework on growing crystals. Amelie is consistently kind and caring to everyone. Alfie is making great progress with his writing. Ollie is spelling some key words correctly in his writing.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Stan and Rohan for demonstrating effort and creativity in homework. Alice S always tries to be polite and respectful – even when she does something by accident, she always apologises. Jake is always polite and uses kind words with children and adults in school. Alice H has been working hard to learn her maths facts and use them in class. Neve has been working hard to learn her spellings and use them in class.
Y3 (Rhine)	Bill has started Y3 with a positive attitude. He is showing maturity in the decisions he is making. Iris was a fantastic Shire Oak ambassador on our trip to Harlow Carr. She focused and made great contributions. Ella sets an excellent example in handwriting. Tilly has been working hard to improve her handwriting. Jake worked hard to make a model of a plant for his homework. Sam worked hard to make a poster about how plants grow. Annabel made a fantastic poster about plants. Roman helps his classmates always showing kindness and the school values every day. Kaiyo has shown tremendous kindness to his fellow classmates. He sets an excellent example to the school. Sam is working hard and practising his maths passport facts. Austin is working hard practising his spellings.
Y4 (Ganges)	Charlie has embraced the learning in Y4 with great enthusiasm and positivity. Seth has made a super start to Y4 bringing positive energy to his learning. He always shows kindness, thought and consideration for others. Emma always presents her work to a high standard taking extra care with

	her handwriting. Zac is working extremely hard to present his work to a good standard. Dylan and Alek demonstrated effort and creativity in their homework. Darcy was a great ambassador when visiting Headingley Library. Heath is kind and considerate to others. Betty is always helpful and supportive to others in her class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Nina is using her excellent times tables knowledge really well in maths and created an Anglo-Saxon sword. Aiyush works independently with good focus in maths. Isla's handwriting is always beautifully presented. Emily K's writing is now large enough to read easily. Charlotte has produced an amazing Anglo Saxon helmet. Bea is kind and supportive to her classmates. Lyle is cheerful and thoughtful towards his friends. Noah D regularly practises his spellings at home. Manraaj diligently works on maths passport in registration every day.
Y6 (Amazon)	Flo has a fantastic attitude to her work in class. Krishan puts care into his work and its presentation. Soli is demonstrating a Y6 standard of handwriting when using a pen. Micah is working extremely hard to form and join letters in the Shire Oak style. Raphe uses encouraging words to his classmates to help them. Isabel is smiley and polite to everyone around her. Joe puts effort into learning his spelling and passport targets. Hope tries her best in all areas and shows she works hard to learn spellings and maths facts.
Citizens of the Week was Raphe for working hard and helping the younger children to do their best and include them in football.	
Well done to all these children who have achieved their next Maths Passport continent and are travelling on to the next one: Franklin and Kienna	

We have had one confirmed case of COVID in school this fortnight, in Year 5.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and hope to see you next week at this event →

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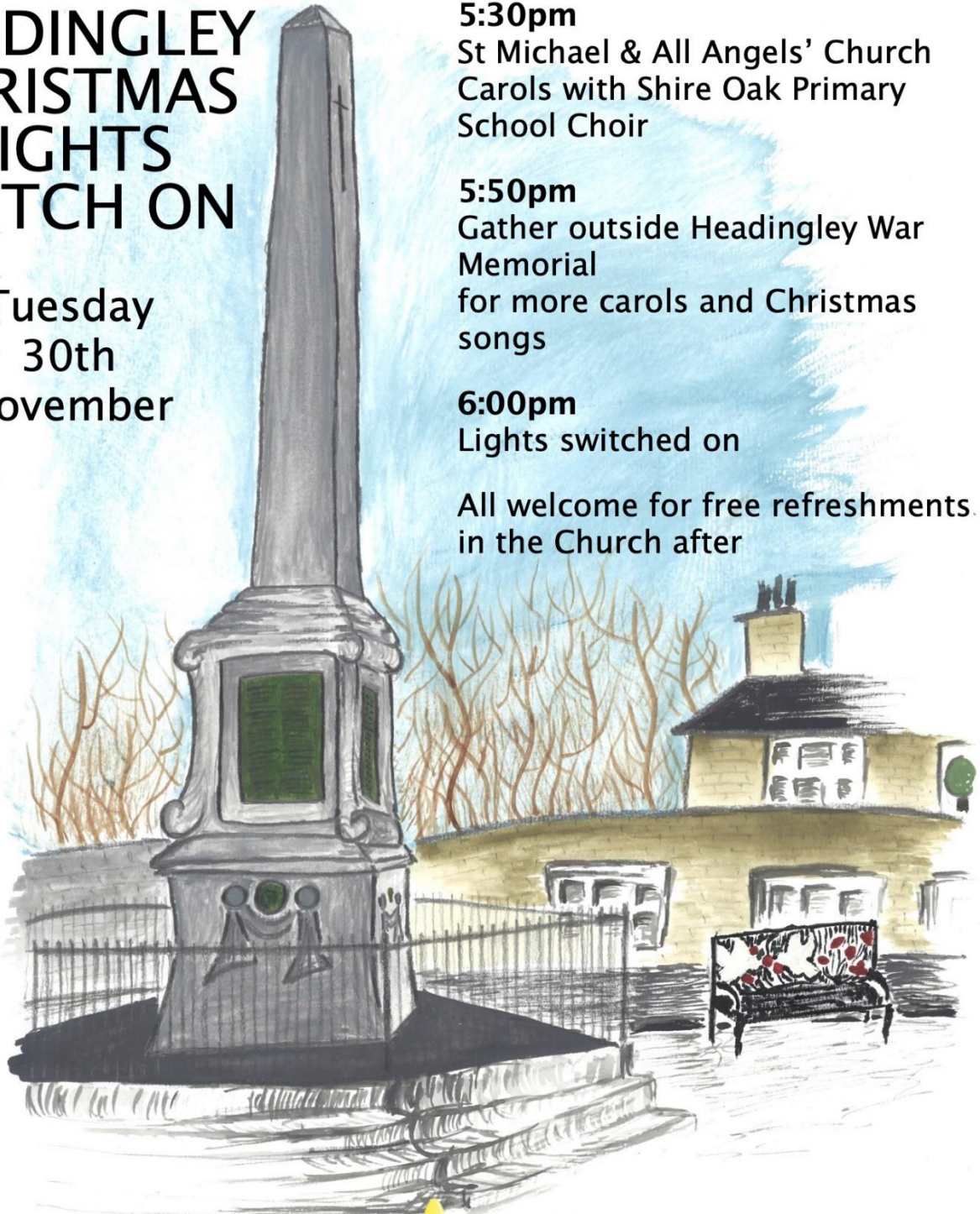
DIARY DATES

Mon 29 th November	Y6 Viking Visitor
Tues 30 th November	Headingley Christmas lights switch on and carol singing at/outside St Michael's Church followed by refreshments in church. 5:30pm all welcome.
1 st - 3 rd December	Year 6 Residential trip to Robinwood
Thursday 2 nd December	FOSOPS meeting 9:30am over Zoom (all welcome!)
Friday 3 rd December	After school hot chocolate sale in the hall
Wed 8 th December	School nurses (YR & Y6) for Nat Ch Measurement Programme & distance vision screening
Thursday 9 th December	Y4 trip to the Media Museum in Bradford
Thursday 9 th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity productions (a.m. and p.m.)
Tuesday 14 th December	Carol Service at St Michaels' Church
Tuesday 14 th December*	School Christmas dinner
Tuesday 14 th December	Book Club visit to watch Peter Pan at Leeds Playhouse in the afternoon d
Wed 15 th December	Christmas discos after school, Y1 Y2 Y3 straight after school until 4:30pm. Y4 Y5 Y6 4:45 – 6:00pm Reception Class will have Movie Night straight after school
Thurs 16 th December	Christmas party food lunch (children with packed lunches can also bring treats today)
Friday 17 th December	Alive & Kicking Christmas drama
Thursday 6 th January	Open morning for prospective parents between 9:15 and 11:15am
Thursday 20 th January	Y1 trip to Abbey House Museum
Thursday 20 th January	Homework hand in day for Years 1-6
Thursday 27 th January *	Y5 trip to the chocolate factory
Sunday 13 th February	Shire Oak Sunday St Michael's Church (we are invited to take part in the All Age Service)
Monday 14 th March	Y3 visit to Herd Farm for Stone Age topic
27 th – 29 th April 2022	Lineham Farm residential for Year 4
9 th to 12 th May 2022	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
16 th to 20 th May 2022	Bikeability for Year 6
23 rd /24 th May	D:side sessions on medicines, alcohol and drugs TBC
Friday 27 th May 2022	Y6 trip to Ledston for Woodland Sessions
https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-calendar term dates	



HEADINGLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Tuesday
30th
November



5:30pm

St Michael & All Angels' Church
Carols with Shire Oak Primary
School Choir

5:50pm

Gather outside Headingley War
Memorial
for more carols and Christmas
songs

6:00pm

Lights switched on

All welcome for free refreshments
in the Church after

