



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

What a lovely, festive week in school! This week have enjoyed our annual **Christmas Carol Service**. Thank you to everyone who joined us to sing carols and think about the nativity story. Thanks also to St Michael's Church for hosting us! Well done to the readers who had got to grips with their parts quickly to share them with us. (I just need to make sure that I work out height combinations that work better for using the microphone for next year!)

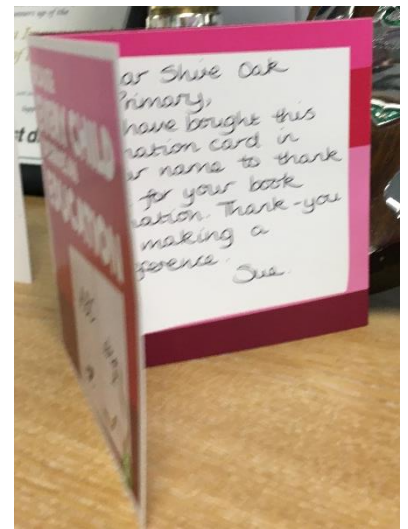
We returned to school to be served a lovely **Christmas lunch**, with all the trimmings by Mrs Taylor and her staff. Mrs Koyuncu, Miss Turner and Miss Craven had arranged crackers for everyone (not just school dinners) and decorated the tables. With Christmas music in the background the atmosphere was very jolly.

Yesterday our Christmas Choir went **carol singing** for the last time this year. They have been a great and joyful group



of singers and we have had lovely feedback from Grove Court, Victoria Court and Wheatfields. One of the Wheatfields patients even dressed up specially and brought Rudolph for us to sing 'When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney!' It is lovely to hear that people have been looking forward to our visits! Thank you to the adult choir, **Headingley Voices** who have been sending volunteers to walk with us and help us sing.

Oxfam Books have been in touch to say thank you for all the donated books that we collected last week and gave us this lovely card. Thank you for your help with the collection.



This morning we have enjoyed concerts by the **Aire Ensemble** who treated us to performances of Christmas and wintery



music familiar and new. It is always good to have professional musicians in school playing instruments for the children to hear and we thought that would be a lovely way to round off the year and a moment of peace before the **parties** in the afternoon! Thank you for the food that I have seen coming in to school – I know that parents are very busy at this time of year so appreciate your help with sending in party food on top of everything else. Thank you also for sending children in wearing their

Christmas jumpers and tops... we have raised a good amount of money for Save the Children which Year 6 will be counting up later today...



I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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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 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 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

Tuesday 3 rd January	TRAINING DAY school closed to children COME BACK TO SCHOOL ON THE 4th!
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 6 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 12 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, 9:15- 11:15am.
Thursday 12 th January	Wordsworth in Leeds exhibition launch event, Year 5, 1-2.30pm
Friday 13 th January	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th January	Switched on Shire Oak Week – growth mindsets and attitudes to learning
Friday 20 th January	Geography Quiz Day
Wednesday 25 th January	Shine a Light on Bullying day
Friday 27 th January	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 27 th January	Philosophy sessions with the university start now
Thursday 2 nd February	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 2 nd February	Tim Peake inspired science session in Y5
Sunday 5 th February	Shire Oak Sunday – we join the congregation at St Michaels, 10am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th February	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 10 th February	Reception Class' first class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Monday 27 th February	Pizza Maths Club starts for Year 6 after school. 3:15-4:45pm on Mondays.
Tuesday 28 th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day sale after school
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March	Y4 Residential to Lineham Farm
Wednesday 8 th March	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Friday 10 th March	Year 5 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 17 th March	Holi Festival assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Thursday 30 th March	Easter production performance by Year 3 and Year 4.
(Friday 31 st March	Easter assembly in school – possibly Easter themed competition judging. No parents.)
Mon 3 rd to Mon 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens after Easter
Thursday 20 th April	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wed 26 th and Thur 27 th April	Parents and Carers Consultation evenings (each family will get an appointment)
Friday 28 th April	Year 4 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY. School closed.
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week for Year 6
Friday 12 th May	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th May	Reading Week. This usually includes a book character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 2 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Mon 29 th May to Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
Saturday 10 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival & Summer Fair 12-4pm. All children perform c.2pm.
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th June	Multicultural Arts Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st June	TRAINING DAY school closed to children
Friday 23 rd June	Stay and Play for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers in their classrooms.
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception class assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Friday 30 th June	Eid assembly, 9am in the hall. All welcome!
Wednesday 12 th July	Musicians end of year concert (pm)
Thursday 13 th July	Y6/5 dress rehearsal and evening performance of their production
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Day Reception/Y1/Y2 in the morning. Y5 & Y6 in the afternoon. (if fine)
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day Y3 & Y4 in the morning. (if fine)
Monday 24 th July	End of year parties/disco in the afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Service at St Michael's Church, Headingley. All welcome. 10:30am.
Wednesday 26 th July	Last day of term
Thurs 27 th July to Fri 1 st Sept	SUMMER HOLIDAYS. School closed to children. Kidzone may run a playscheme.
* means added or changed since last newsletter TBC means this is yet to be confirmed and may have to change	