



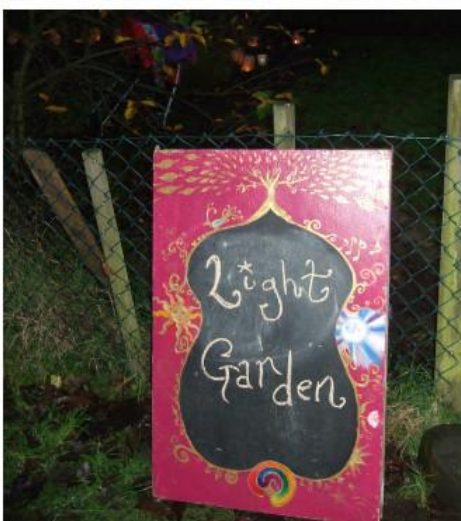
SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope the children have enjoyed this busy week as much as I have. One of the highlights of the week (the term, and even the year) for many people was our annual **Winter Festival of Fire**. Despite a dire weather forecast we managed to hold the event mostly outside with these activities on offer:

Sparkle sticks	Den Building	Toasting marshmallows/muffins	Christmas badges and crafts
Carpentry	(with Woodcraft Folk)	Hot dogs, pizzas & drinks	Christingles
Light Garden	Thankfulness tent	Raffle	Free book giveaway
(with TCV)	Fire	Bird feeder making	Kubb game
Glass lanterns	Carol singing	Toy stall	

Thank you to Ian Martin and FOSOPS for all the organisation and to all the staff, parents, friends and volunteers who gave so generously of their time, skills and resources. Thank you to **Noah in Y4** for some of these lovely photos.



Mrs Whitehead with children from some of the House Teams are starting to collect **Christmas Hampers** for local older people. OWLS will be collecting them before Christmas and would appreciate boxes of non-perishable food that would be enjoyed by an older person at Christmas, particularly if they are hard up or lonely. If you feel able, please send in either full hampers (a shoe box is ideal) or some items that we can put into one of the school hampers.



This week we have been marking **Anti Bullying Week** in school. We use this opportunity each year to check that we are all clear about our approach to bullying at Shire Oak. We all sign up to our **Anti Bullying Charter** which means that

- **We know what bullying is (making someone feel bad, again and again, on purpose)**
- **We know what bullying isn't (falling out, accidents, etc.)**
- **We know what to do about bullying – TELL!**

To help us understand this important message we had two shows yesterday, one for KS2 and one for KS1 and Reception. **The Power of One** theatre group explained about the bully, the target, the bystanders and the power each one of us has to stop bullying!



Thanks to William, Erin and Rosie for taking photos!

Year 1 and Year 2 have been continuing their **Let's Celebrate!** topic. This week they have been learning about **Thanksgiving** with help from Owen's American grandma who explained all about the origins and traditions of this festival and even gave some candy corn for the children to reflect on what they were thankful for. We are thankful for supportive family and friends who help bring the children's topics to life! Happy Thanksgiving to all our families with American connections.

(As you can see, the Winter Festival of Fire and the approach of Advent mean the **school Christmas tree** has arrived. Thank you to Gwen at The Stables for such a good deal! →)



Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
Reception (Thames)	Dilraaj is kind and always thinks of others and Leilani is caring and thoughtful when learning in the areas with other children.
Y1 (Nile)	Tula is working independently on her writing and persevering to make improvements and Sammy is interested in all of the class learning, tries his best and has improved his reading too.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Logan has been working hard to write clear sentences and Milo has been working hard and trying his best at maths.
Y3 (Rhine)	Melita works hard to be the best she can and Adam is trying very hard in independent reading comprehension, answering questions neatly, in full sentences with evidence from the text.
Y4 (Ganges)	Aisha always tries hard and Noah plays outside in a calm and inclusive way.
Y5 (Tigris)	Jack always settles down to his work and focuses at all times and Olivia is a constant role model to others for her work effort and learning attitude.
Y6 (Amazon)	Ben has been working hard at his reading comprehension and Lasharde always has a positive attitude to his work.

The **Citizen of the Week** was Ella who was nominated by Phoebe for being a kind friend with good ideas for games everyone can play.

Thanks to all the **friends and families** who joined us for **Y5's assembly** today before they rushed off on their trip to Carr Manor school. I hope you all have a good weekend and recharge the batteries ready for the excitement of a busy Advent time.

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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, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)

DIARY DATES

Thursday 4 th December	Carol Singing at Bentley Court.
Friday 5 th December	Year 4 class assembly, 9am. All welcome. This is a change from the 7 th November.
Friday 5 th December	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y1 please.
Wed 10 th to Fri 12 th December	Robinwood Residential for Year 6
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas production, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Friday 12 th December	Book club trip to James & the Giant Peach, West Yorkshire Playhouse
Tuesday 16 th December	Choir carol singing at Wheatfields Hospice
Mon 15 th - Fri 18 th Dec	Christmas parties
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church, 1:30pm. All welcome NEW DATE!
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (these dates are corrected)
Monday 5 th January	First day back at school
Thursday 8 th January	Open Morning for current and prospective parents, all welcome. 9:15am.
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 nd January	Movie Night
Friday 23 rd January	TRAINING DAY
Friday 30 th January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 th January	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 th February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	Year 4 Residential, Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter