



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

Advent may be here and school is looking increasingly festive, but great learning and the joy of our topics continues. This week Year 3 and Year 4 brought their topic right up to date as they enjoyed their trip to **Bradford Media Museum**.



Bradford Media Museum trip
Year 3 and Year 4
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This week also saw the **Christmas choir** setting off for their first **carol singing** engagement of the year. Children from Y2, 5 and 6 who have been giving up lunchtimes to rehearse went to Victoria Court on Cardigan Road. We sang for the elderly residents who seemed to enjoy our singing. The children enjoyed performing and the buns with juice afterwards. What was also particularly lovely to see was our children talking to the residents afterwards... and even meeting a woman named (genuinely) Miss Christmas.



This morning we were joined in assembly by our local MP, **Greg Mulholland**. I am very pleased to tell you that the reason for his visit was to present one of our Year 6s A.S. (not named as she is in the photo) with a special prize for submitting such a great entry for his annual **Christmas card competition**. He was impressed with the time, care and planning she had taken to come up with such a great Mandala-based design that will now be used on all his official Christmas cards. The winner received a special certificate, some printed copies of her special card and a



prize of a design your own gingerbread house for her to enjoy making. To welcome Mr Mulholland we sang all 5 verses of Peace is Flowing like a River. Greg explained about his job to represent the people of North West Leeds. To finish our assembly Coco



and Matthew read the special Advent peace prayer they had written.

We are also proud of K in Year 1 who made an impromptu appearance on BBC Radio Leeds on Saturday morning to talk about Yorkshire Pudding. She let everyone know about her favourite 'roast dinner day' school dinner. She spoke really well and confidently and was a great school ambassador.



Class	Well done to this week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Edith tries hard with her writing and Rosa always sets a good example in class.
Y1 (Nile)	Sara is thinking carefully about writing and extending her sentences. Libby is a good role model who follows instructions straight away and is doing her best work.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Lia and George are consistent role models and makes good choices.
Y3 (Rhine)	Seren puts maximum effort into work and wrote and performed a fantastic poem. Erin is a positive role model to class and school friends.
Y4 (Ganges)	Max tries his best in his learning and is a great role model. Naomi is working hard in all aspects of her learning and sets a great example.
Y5 (Tigris)	Adam chose some lovely descriptive words for your WWII story. Zac is working much more independently and producing much more work.
Y6 (Amazon)	Olivia is taking responsibility for her own learning in a mature way. Braydon is showing pleasing enthusiasm for reading books.

Citizen of the Week was Aisha in Year 5, who was nominated by Maleehah (also in Y5) amongst others!

I hope you have a great weekend.

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Did you know?

We have a **Christmas Post Box** in school. If children want to send cards to each other they should make sure the envelope has the name and class of the recipient clearly on the front. Year 6 monitors empty the postbox daily and deliver the post around school.

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

Wednesday 9 th December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas nativity productions.
9 th – 11 th December	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood, Todmorden.
Friday 11 th December	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Mon 14 th /Tue 15 th December	Carol singing, Wheatfields Hospice, pm.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Carol Service, 10:30am. St Michael's Church. All welcome.
Wednesday 16 th December *	Reception and KS1 Christmas parties. Food requests, etc. to follow.
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Discos. KS1: 4:30 – 5:30 and KS2 5:45 – 6:45
Thursday 17 th December *	Y3 & Y6 Christmas parties. Food requests, etc. to follow.
Friday 18 th December *	Y4 & Y5 Christmas parties. Food requests, etc. to follow.
21 st December – 1 st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
Monday 4 th January	TRAINING DAY – TBC
5 th – 8 th January	Switched On Shire Oak Week
Thursday 7 th January	Open Morning. 9:15- 11:30. All current and prospective parents/carers welcome.
Tuesday 12 th January	Y1 and Y2 special session with Leeds Trampolining Club
Thursday 14 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. Friends and family welcome.
Friday 15 th January	Stay and Play, 8:50am in Rec/Y1 & Y2. Parents and Carers welcome.
Wednesday 20 th January	House Team Hobby Half Day
Friday 22 nd January	Bun sale at morning break, 30p, run by Year 4
Friday 22 nd 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.
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 Bewerley 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