



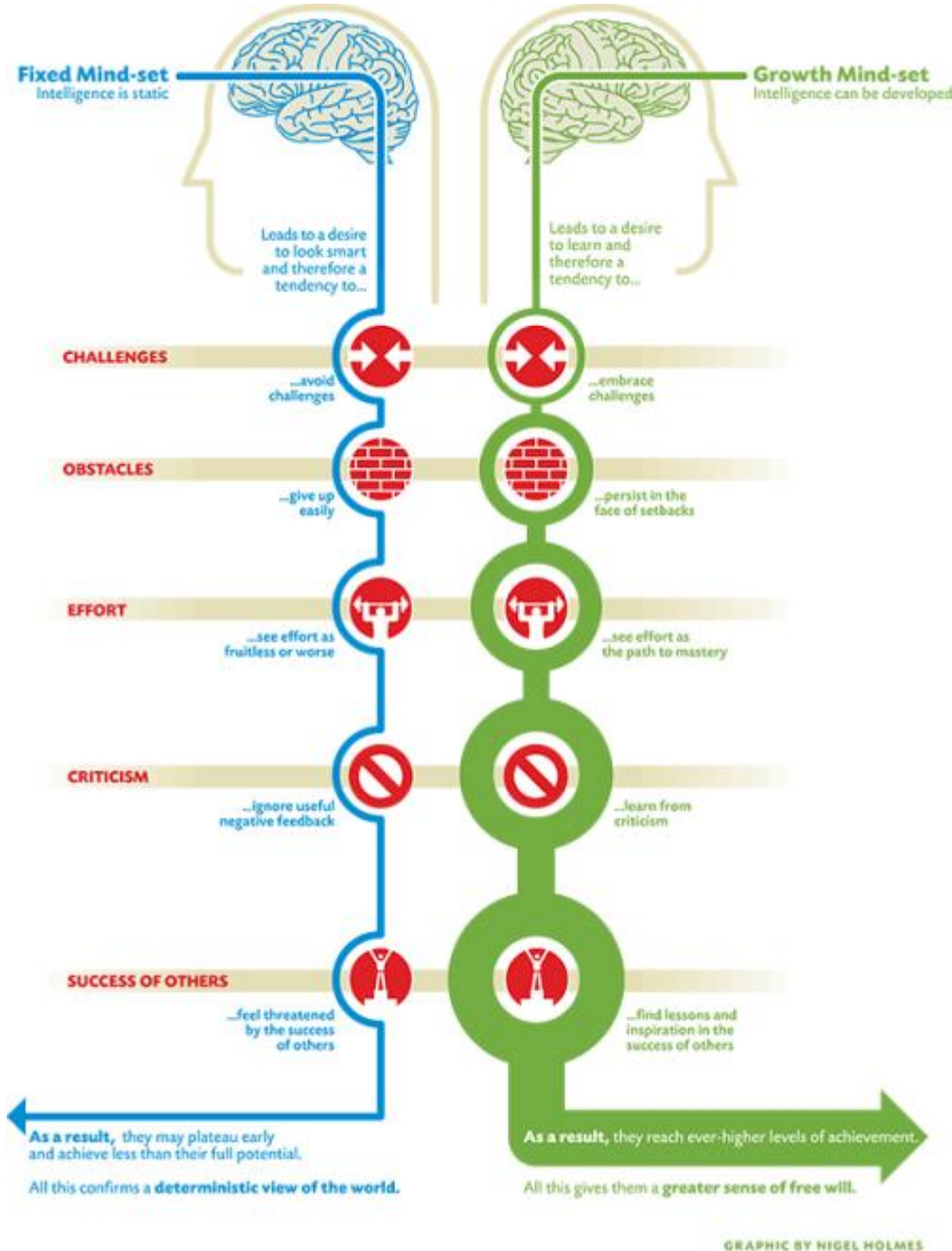
Dear Parents and Carers

## SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

**Happy New Year!** I hope you all had a great Christmas. The children certainly seem to have had a good time and have come back ready to get on with their learning.

This week is our **Switched On Shire Oak Week**, where we have been thinking about what makes us great learners. We



have been exploring the difference between Growth and Fixed Mindsets with the children and I have been really impressed with how well some of them are understanding the concept. This week, specifically, we have been looking at the following elements of a growth mindset:

- **Learning from criticism**
- **Enjoying challenges**
- **Overcoming obstacles**
- **Putting in effort**
- **Learning from the success of others.**

Please help us by talking to your child about any of these habits and how they can turn things to their own advantage in learning.

Thank you to **Year 6** for a great **class assembly** where they ably demonstrated that they understand all about challenge. Their presentation about **Robinwood Residential** was inspiring and we are proud of the way they moved out of their comfort zones and into their stretch zones (which is how the instructors at Robinwood described it.) Thank you also to friends and family for joining us this morning.

We were also proud of Year 6 yesterday when they acted as tour guides again for our **Open Morning**. It was lovely to hear the visitors talk about the children who showed them round and the children learning around school that they saw on their tours. I would also like to say a **big thank you to parents** who have been talking about our school with friends and neighbours – time and time again I hear from prospective parents that the positive comments from Shire Oak families have made all the difference to them choosing our school.





Thank you also to all the parents who responded to our text about the **international links** our children have. The display that Miss Readman has been working on is shaping up nicely and she wanted me to reassure children that if they don't appear on the display yet they will get their turn. She will swap the photos and places round from time to time - there were far too many to fit on one display board! The international flavour of our school is one of the things that makes it very special at Shire Oak as children learn alongside each other.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the **Run on Sun** competition that we entered. Although it has not been confirmed officially, it looks like we were longlisted to be in the first online vote but have not been shortlisted for the final. I know the children will be disappointed but they have raised awareness at school about their views on solar energy so if there is another way to get the panels then we will certainly consider it.

I am afraid to say that we have not been very neighbourly to some **local residents**. I have recently received this letter which they asked me to pass on to you:

We residents are being placed in danger by parents parking in our (private) access road opposite the school pedestrian gate. Please be considerate by not parking or waiting in this road, and not asking taxi drivers to wait there.

The council traffic order (double yellows) on the road is there to ensure the safety of 70 or so residents, many elderly, whose only access this is. Walking on this hill is hazardous in poor weather especially for the infirm, parked cars make it extremely dangerous for everyone. One lady, trying to get out of the way of cars, recently fell and badly broke her leg.

Parking at the junction and all around it is an obstruction causing a hazard for those using the road. Drivers are not insured on this road which is not maintained or salted by the council, its condition is worsening especially in the areas where parking and related manoeuvring occurs. Residents cannot afford to have it repaired.

Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

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#### Did you know?

That this week we have been holding **Pupil Progress Meetings** where class teachers and the leadership team look at children's assessments for last term to check everyone is making good progress and to make plans for those children who are stuck, slow moving or ready for a boost.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January *	FOSOPS PTA meeting, 9am in Kidzone. All welcome!
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan *	Class trips to Headingley Library
Wednesday 21 January	House Team hobbies afternoon
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Movie Night
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January *	Reception Class meeting about learning maths for parents and carers, 6pm.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y2 please.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Residential, Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	House Team hobbies half day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year

\* means added or changed since last newsletter

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](mailto:janieps@aol.com) (Janie is also in school most Mondays if you would like to talk to her.)



Some Year 6 children with some of the **electronic circuit games** they made in Design Technology. Here we have the classic Steady Hand game and a matching game of inventor and invention, inspired by their Bright Sparks topic.