



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Thank you to **Y4** for today's mammoth **class assembly** to round the week off. We particularly enjoyed your djembe drumming, but were impressed with your science experiments, French counting, writing, maths blog <http://gangesclassmathsbook.blogspot.co.uk>, art, computing and your singing. Thanks also to all the friends and family who were able to join us this morning.



On Friday last week **Year 5** rushed straight off after their class assembly to **Carr Manor** where they had a taster day of high school subjects. They had an enjoyable day of new experiences and were excellent ambassadors for our school with many positive comments received about their attitude and conduct. Well done Year 5!

Our **Christmas choir** has been busy rehearsing on Thursday lunchtimes and has now been to sing at Victoria Court and at Bentley Court for their Christmas events. We are still practising as we will also visit Wheatfields Hospice in the last week of term as well as singing at the school carol service at St Michael's Church. Thank you to Francesca's grandma Jo, Revd Tony and Mrs Whitehead, as well as Kate and Mrs Wild from a local church who have all given up time to accompany us to these events. On a similar note, all of KS2 have been learning a French carol with Ms Earl as part of their French lessons. I have had lots of positive feedback from parents about our new **French lessons**, and we are very pleased with how they are going and how the children are responding.

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One of our children has been diagnosed by a doctor as probably having **Scarlet Fever** and we have heard of other cases in the local area so have reprinted NHS and government advice here: Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
 - Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
 - Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection
 - If your child has other health issues that compromise their immune system they may need additional support from the GP.
- You can find more information on the [NHS choices website](http://www.nhs.uk) under Scarlet Fever.



There is a **bun sale** today, after school in the hall. These sales are organised by FOSOPS and kindly stocked by parents of each class in turn. Today it is Y1 with their wares on offer raising money for the class to buy extras. We value all the ways that parents support us and offer their help. For instance, we are very fortunate to be in the position of holding elections for parent governor positions. I am pleased to say that both of the recent candidates were well supported by the parents voting and thank them both for standing. **Sadie Alton** has been elected and has now been to her first meeting. Sadie brings financial expertise to the governing body, which will be an asset in the Resources subcommittee.

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Jai is a very enthusiastic singer when practising for the nativity.
Y1 (Nile)	Kai always tries hard with his phonics.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Peter always tries hard in maths and Chanelle is developing greater independence in her writing.
Y3 (Rhine)	Max always has a positive attitude to learning and Lalayni is trying really hard to work independently.
Y4 (Ganges)	Hamza was really focused last week on improving his behaviour and Millie has been focused on her learning in class.
Y5 (Tigris)	Kera is really improving her attitude putting in top effort and Ibrahim always puts top effort into his learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	Kion shows a quiet determination in solving a maths problem and Annie brings a positive hard working attitude to all she does in school.

Well done to this week's **Citizen of the Week. Hannah in Y6** was nominated for always being kind and helpful, especially to the younger children.

I would like to draw your attention to these forthcoming events – **we would love to see you at them!**

- * Reception and KS1 Christmas **Nativity** production – Wednesday 10th December 9:30am and 1:30 pm
- * School **Carol Service**, St Michael's Church – Wednesday 17th December, 1:30pm
- * Santa's Merry and Musical Christmas Crackers! **Touring production** by Alive and Kicking. KS1 9:45- 10:45 am and KS2 1:45 – 2:45pm. **Parents, friends, grandparents, siblings, etc. all very welcome to both productions, for free.**

I hope you all have a lovely second Sunday in Advent and that the children get lots of sleep ready for the excitement of the next fortnight.

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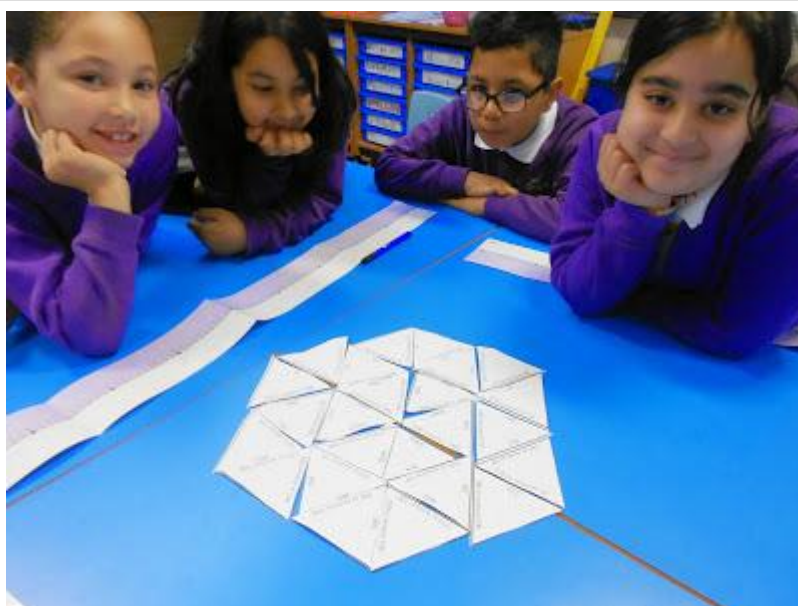
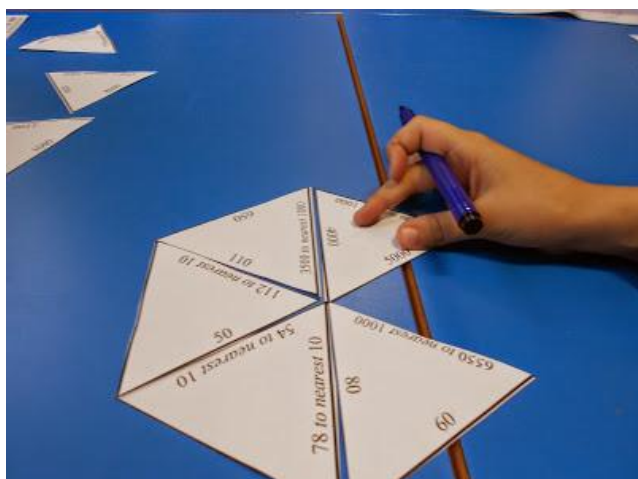
We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

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.)

Rounding numbers using tarsia cards in Y4.



DIARY DATES

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
Tues 16 th and Fri 18 th December *	Christmas parties (KS1 Tuesday and KS2 Friday)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Carol Service, St Michaels Church, 1:30pm. All welcome NEW DATE!
Thursday 18 th December *	Santa's Merry and Musical Christmas Crackers! Production by Alive and Kicking, parents and friends are very welcome to join us. KS1 10 – 11 am and KS2 1:45-2:45pm
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas dinner
Mon 22 nd Dec- Fri 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
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, Beverley 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



← Look how brilliant this one minute estimate was!

This shows Y4's calculation about how many seconds there are in different lengths of time →

