



Dear Parents and Carers

SHIRE OAK

C of E (VC) Primary School

The run up to Christmas in a primary school is a pretty special place to be and there has been plenty to enjoy this week! The **choir** sang their final set at **Wheatfields Hospice** in the Day Room and were thanked for their singing and enthusiasm. The whole school sang well at the **Carol Service** on Wednesday at St Michael's Church. Thank you to all the friends and family who were able to join us – we had to find extra chairs which was a lovely surprise. Thanks also to Y6 for the readings that they did in between the carols.

On Thursday we were visited by **Santa** and his companions **Tricksie Pixie** and **Scary Fairy** who brought an exciting and uplifting tale of Christmas. Thanks to the younger siblings (and their grown-ups) who joined us for the performances and thanks to **Alive and Kicking** theatre company for another great production.



Our Christmas dinner on Thursday was absolutely lovely. Mrs Koyuncu and a team of volunteers decorated the tables, Christmas music played and Mrs Ellis and her team laid on a good spread for the majority of the school who were having a dinner.



Thank you to parents for the food, drink or donations for the **Christmas parties** this week. The children really enjoy celebrating with their friends and having special food or drink makes it very different from usual days.



You will know that we have been working on **behaviour for learning** and have introduced a system that is used throughout school. We now need to update our behaviour policy to reflect these changes and we would like to give you the opportunity to give us feedback on the policy. On our website please look for **DRAFT BEHAVIOUR AND ANTI-BULLYING POLICY** in the policies section. Any comments are welcome by text, email or by catching me, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

Year 3 and Year 6 (working as an Eco Team) have entered a **Run on Sun competition** run by Friends of the Earth to win a free set of solar panels, but they need your votes to help them get on to the shortlist. Our pupils are hoping our school will win because they know that clean energy is good for people and the environment. (It could also save us £1000s a year in energy costs.) Every vote counts. Please spread the word and get all your family and friends to vote for our school. Feel free to share the attached flyer with friends to help drum up more votes!



The children know how important solar is to their future. They've done their bit. Can you do yours?

Go to www.foe.co.uk/go/solargallery, check out the childrens' fantastic work and cast your vote for Shire Oak now. Make sure you vote by January 9th. Thank you.



Thank you for all your support this term. I hope you all have a **happy and peaceful Christmas** and look forward to some more great learning with your children in the **New Year**.

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Back to school on the 5th January. No training day!

DIARY DATES

Mon 22nd Dec- Fri 2nd 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

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.)

Did you know?

Don't forget that any reading the children do over Christmas will help them – please write in KS1 Reading Records if they have read the tags on the presents, helped reading a recipe, read the Christmas cards or the TV guide – it all counts!

*Jemima read all
the Christmas
cards to
Grandma.*

*Johnny read all the
tags when we gave
out the presents.*

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“Our learning and our play are powered by the sun”

Saltaire School, Shipley, Yorkshire

Friends of the Earth Trust, registered charity 281881, company number 1533942 www.foe.co.uk, Oct. 2014

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**Leeds Symphony
Orchestra present:**

**A Concert of pieces of
music for children**

10:30 AM, Saturday 17th January 2015

At Benton Park School, Harrogate Road, Rawdon,
Leeds LS19 6LX

Admission free, provided by the Tom Oram legacy.

For more details see www.lso.org.uk