



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to **Year 2** for the first class sharing assembly of the year – it was lovely to see how much learning they have already done and how enthusiastic they are about their Food topic. This enthusiasm is leading to some great writing as well as tasty cooking!

Thank you to **FOSOPS** for arranging tea and coffee this morning in the playground. It was lovely to see people having a chance to chat before school and have a look at some of the great things that FOSOPS have arranged and organised. If you were too shy to talk to them this morning, do let someone know if you would like to get involved in their valuable work in supporting the school.

Unfortunately I don't have any photos from **Roald Dahl day** – but the array of costumes can be seen from the selected illustrations below. There were readings in assembly, lots of Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake related activities and a lovely buzz about books in school. One of the nicest things that was going on was paired reading between older and younger children. Having a real audience to read out loud is very important and helps with making sure children really understand the book and that they use punctuation properly. For younger children it helps them with positive role models, access to harder books for less confident readers and for very able readers a chance to shine with someone they look up to. We are planning to keep these going periodically, as they were both fun and beneficial.



Jill Dickinson has asked me to let you know about the '**Eco Kids Collection**' we will be running on Tuesday 18th October. This is an ideal chance to clear out items from home and know that they will be redistributed to people in needs (providing employment both here and overseas). Anything that can't be redistributed is reused or recycled. We will soon be sending home bags and letters explaining the scheme, but in the meantime if you are thinking of throwing away any items, do consider donating them to school which receives money back for the bags that are filled up. We use this money towards our gardening and cooking supplies. We can accept good quality clothes, soft toys, handbags, curtains, shoes, bedding, bric-a-brac, small electrical items in good working order and books.

Thanks very much for all your support this week and don't worry – no costumes necessary for **No Pens Day** next week! (Just lots of opportunities for quality speaking and listening work, ICT work and other ways of communicating. Hopefully the children will all be keen to see their writing materials again the next day too!)

Finally, please find attached the **Kidscope** dates for the year. Whether you make an appointment or come to the drop in sessions these are a great way to get some help and advice from professionals on a whole range of health and emotional issues. We have heard good reports on useful tips in dealing with tricky behaviour, bedwetting and sleep issues.

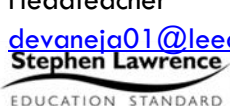
Yours sincerely

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EDUCATION STANDARD

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, Rachel Powell or Liz Craven. If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane or Hillary Whitehead.



DIARY DATES

Monday 3 rd October	*	Y6 at Lieder workshop
Wednesday 5 th October		FOSOPS meeting in Kidzone at 9am. Parents, carers and friends welcome. Small children can play in the room with us.
Thursday 6 th October		'No Pens' Day – a chance for lots of speaking & listening and other creative learning ideas
Thursday 6 th October	*	Y5/6 rugby rally at Kirkstall (4-6pm, travel by bus)
Friday 7 th October	*	Discovering Lieder+ concert by Y6 2pm - 3pm The Venue, Leeds College of Music
Friday 7 th October		Y4 Class sharing assembly 9am. Family and friends very welcome.
Tuesday 11 th October	*	Y3/4 visit to Thackray Medical Museum
Wednesday 12 th October		Open Morning for our families and for parents of prospective Reception parents (2012 intake) 9:15 to 11:30 tbc.
Friday 14 th October		Harvest Festival, 9am. We will collect food for PAFRAS http://www.pafRAS.org.uk
Saturday 15 th October		Car Boot Sale and Table Top Sale. 10 am – 2pm. Stalls can be booked with Liz Craven in school or on 07768 390695
Tuesday 18 th October		Eco Kids Collection – bring your clothes, soft toys, bags, curtains, shoes, bedding, bric-a-brac, small electrical items and books for recycling and redistributing.
Wednesday 19 th October	*	Open Evening for prospective Reception parents who can't come to the Open Morning, 6pm
Friday 21 st October		Divali assembly 9am.
HALF TERM (24th – 28th October)		
Tuesday 1 st November	*	South African voices concert by Y5 at Leeds Town Hall
Friday 4 th November		Eid-UI-Adha assembly 9am.
Monday 7 th to 18 th November		Anti Bullying Fortnight
Monday 7 th November	*	Click Safe 'Play in a Day' drama workshop for Y4 on internet safety. Performance at the end of the school day.
Wednesday 9 th & Thursday 10 th November		Parents' Evenings
Thursday 10 th November		Birthday of Guru Nanak assembly. 9am.
Friday 11 th November		Y5 Class sharing assembly 9am. Family and friends very welcome.
Friday 11 th November		Remembrance Day – 2 minute silence
Friday 11 th November	*	Internet safety talk for Y6 by PCSOs.
Wednesday 16th November		Provisional date for training day.
Wed 16 th to Friday 18 th Nov		Y6 Residential to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle
Friday 18 th November		Y1 Class sharing assembly 9am. Family and friends very welcome.
Friday 18 th November		Children in Need day – Show your Spots
Wednesday 23 rd November		Y5/6 Cricket in the Classroom at Headingley Carnegie Stadium
Friday 25 th November		Y6 Class sharing assembly 9am. Family and friends very welcome.
Wednesday 30 th November		Y3 Class sharing assembly 9am. Family and friends very welcome.
Wednesday 7 th December		KS1 Christmas production, morning and afternoon
Friday 9 th December		Stay and Play in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 13 th December		Christmas Disco. KS1 4:15-5:15 KS2 5:30-6:30 (to be confirmed)
Thursday 15 th December		Carol Service at St Michael's Church 10:45 am.
Friday 16 th December		Homework and attendance celebration assembly in school

New items are marked with *