



# SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I hope you have had a good long weekend with family and friends. Can you believe it?...we are in May already!

Friday last week (01.05.15) saw the return of Grandparent Day on Shoscombe site. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped to make it a success. I know the singing, dancing and baking went down well. We were very grateful for a dry day! Thank you to all who were able to help on the day.

Also the Bake Off at Shoscombe will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June and the Fun "day" will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June afternoon/evening.

Please support the fundraising effort of Madi Tombs, Year 6 in Shoscombe school, through the "Just Giving" link....click on the links to see what Madi did a couple of weeks ago.

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/Abseiling-challenge-twice-height-Big-Ben/story-26317842-detail/story.html>  
<https://www.justgiving.com/MadiTombs>

Shoscombe Church School is a VA Church School (voluntary aided) As such all capital funds, which are more easily available to VC (voluntary controlled) schools can only be accessed if 10% of the fund is raised. The recent building and refurbishment project at Shoscombe Church School, completed last summer means that the governors need to raise approximately £37000 over the next couple of years. Our governing body is a federation governing body – we all work together for the good of the three schools.

We are very grateful to Madi for her brave and generous gift to the school. Any amount will be a huge support.

We will share with you the staffing arrangements for next year for all classes across the federation, as soon as they are confirmed. On Wellow site we are looking forward to the return of Mrs Mapstone later in term 6 following her maternity leave. We can tell you that Mr Biggs, has secured a position in London from September. It has been lovely to have Mr Biggs as part of our team and we will miss him.

I am sure you will join the staff and governors in giving him a good send off and wishing him well in his future career.

On Camerton site we are looking forward to a Creativity morning on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The djembe drums from Shoscombe site are going to find their way to Camerton and be enjoyed by all of Camerton children. Thank you Shoscombe for sharing this super resource.

All are welcome to the Duck Race on Wellow site on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. **See details on back page** about tickets and timings.

#### **Items for sale in aid of the building project**

Food mixer with liquidizer and processor attachments  
Espresso coffee maker with milk frother

All sensible offers for this worthy cause considered  
07528823000

[Jane\\_gascoigne@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Jane_gascoigne@bathnes.gov.uk)



**Jane Gascoigne**

#### **UNIFORM**

May we remind parents of our school uniform policy with regard to shoes. Trainers are **not** allowed, and with the warmer weather approaching (we hope!) no open-toed sandals as this is a health and safety issue.

#### **Sports Day**

This year's Sports Day will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** with **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** the reserve day in case of bad weather. It will be up at the Village Hall in the morning, followed by a picnic lunch after which the children will return to school for their normal afternoon timetable.

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We have had a report of a tick being found on a child and there is a possibility it could have been picked up on the school grounds. While it is unusual for ticks to be found in short grassy areas, could you please check your children each evening. Many thanks.

Jane Gascoigne

Could we please remind parents again about the voluntary one way system – down Green St, then left past Shoscombe Vale houses arriving in St Julian's Road with the school on your left then back along St Julian's Road, left and up Single Hill past the village hall. This means when turning onto the bypass, you are on a roundabout, much easier than turning right at the junction!

**Also, with regard to parking, we are still hoping to use the area next to the school but this is being negotiated. In the meantime, could you please park sympathetically to allow for safety and access. Could you please not park in the road opposite the school, it is a private road.**

### Grandparents' Day



Grandparents' day was a great success this year; attended by over 40 grandparents. The children and staff really enjoyed welcoming the grandparents into school. Thank you to FOSSA for helping with the teas and coffees and also helping year 1 and 2 to make cakes.



### Lavender



*A big thank you to the Somerset Lavender Farm for donating another 12 plants for our second raised beds. The children have used the lavender very productively making; lavender bread, bags and biscuits.*

### Reception

As part of our topic on Parks and Gardens, Reception class visited Royal Victoria Park in Bath. We enjoyed smelling spring blossom and collecting fallen Magnolia petals in the Botanical Gardens.

Then we had a picnic lunch joined by several Reception Mums. Finally we had lots of opportunity to practice our climbing skills in the playpark.



The following day we recreated Victoria Park in our classroom!



**Sophie Hampton**

**Year 1 and 2**

Year 1 and Year 2 have really enjoyed exploring new online learning resources. Their favourites include an addition jet ski race, teaching a flea to spell and a roller coaster friction challenge.



**Martin Stevens**

**Year 3 and 4**

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time re-enacting the Anglo Saxon Battle at Dyrham. There will be an Anglo Saxon Re-enactment group at Dyrham on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June if anyone is interested in going.



The children also took notes for a persuasive leaflet that they will be working on the week after next.



**Tania Rorison**

**Year 5 and 6**



The Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have recently enjoyed some singing lessons from Vivian Ellis who came to our school to teach the children May Day songs and games as part of our Comenius 100 Project.

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs next week. The tests assess their understanding of maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Some children worry about these tests and, as always, we would just like them to relax and try their best. Please reassure them each morning that this is all we expect.

**Barry McNulty**

### Term 5 Dates

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs/Assessment Week	Years 1-6
17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Comenius - Spain	Some year 6 and staff
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for h/term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY *****	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts Week	Whole School
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Bake Off	Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tennis Competition	Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Hearing Test	Reception
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Village Hall	Whole School
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day Reserve Day	Whole School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Evening	Parents of new intake
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Kwik Cricket	Some Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play	Rec children (Sept 2015)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Grounds Day tidy up	All willing helpers welcome!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Day at the Village Hall	Whole School
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parents' Evenings - sign up sheets will be available from 15 <sup>th</sup> June. Regardless of peoples' circumstances, no names will be added <i>before</i> the morning of this date.	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Spirit of Wells Leavers' Day	Year 6
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 5 Prior Park	Year 5
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Taster Day	Year 6
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Induction morning for new Receptions	Includes new uniform display
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Camp – Osmington Mills	Year 6
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Shuffle up morning	Pupils move up to their new classes
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Egg Performance	Year 5 and 6
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Flower Show	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Avon Valley trip	Rec/KS1
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Brokerswood Trip	KS2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service/Race/Party	Year 6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of School Year	

### Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
1/05/15	97.7%	96.1%	97.4%	98%
8/05/15	98.1%	95.7%	100%	97%

**Could we please remind everyone to ensure your children have the correct kit in school for activities like PE, football, badminton, swimming and Forest School.**

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**We are, again, collecting Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers. We'd be really grateful if you would bring any you are given to the lobby area where the box will be positioned. Many thanks.**

**Spring is the traditional time for a Spring Clean and Clear Out!!**

So don't throw your unwanted items away, as there will be a Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall in the next couple of months.

So start sorting your stuff ready for it.

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

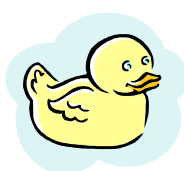
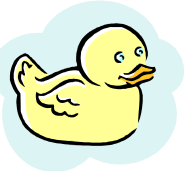
Breakfast and after school clubs are going well. Booking forms are still available for Term 5 but places are being taken up quickly so make sure you speak to Charlotte as soon as possible if you would like to take advantage of this. The children are provided with breakfast in the morning and a snack after school. There are games and activities both inside and out! If anyone's contact details have changed, please let Charlotte know. If you would like to make use of this service, please contact:

Charlotte Burnell on 07731861765

**For a fun day out why not go to:**



St Julian's, Wellow PTA would like to invite parents, carers, children, friends and family to our annual event.



# Duck Race evening






On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015

From 5.30pm at St Julian's Church School.

The children will be entertaining us with their maypole and country dancing and Kingfisher and Owlet classes will perform their fantastic dance umbrella routines.

We will be running a tombola, please send a new item in with your child to place in the boxes in the classrooms. The class with the most items will win a prize.

Ducks will be on sale after school in the playground nearer to the event date.

Bar  Tombola  Bouncy Castle  
 Delicious food  Raffle 

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Parents and teachers  
working together

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Duck Race evening - May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 –  
return this slip to the school office by Mon  
11<sup>th</sup> May.

Name:.....

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I would like:  adult tickets @  
£4.50 each

child tickets @  
£2.50 each

family tickets  
(2 adults, 3 children) @ £15.00 each

Total amount  
enclosed:.....  
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We are asking everyone to contribute a salad, quiche, large bag of crisps or small cakes. Please indicate below what you are able to bring. Thank you.

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I can help on the night Yes/No

I can provide a raffle prize Yes/No

## The Rock Project Bath

### The UK's Premier School of Rock and Pop

Dear Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher

As you may already know The Rock Project is starting in Bath, the UK's premier school of rock and pop. We still have spaces for students in our weekly session and are keen to become known to students who may be interested in coming along.

#### Tuition Available in Singing, Guitar, Bass Guitar and Drums

*The Rock Project currently have spaces available in their after school sessions in Bath. If you would like your child aged 7-11 or 12-18 to learn a rock instrument AND play or sing in a band live on stage at their big summer gig, then contact them now on [bath@therockproject.com](mailto:bath@therockproject.com). They accept all abilities so whether your child already plays but is looking for some band experience, or wants to learn from scratch, **The Rock Project** is a fun and exciting weekly activity that will keep them engaged in music by learning songs they request and being taught by young music professionals. Students can also join our singing lessons and have the opportunity to sing with a live band every week! Our school is located in Bath and instruments can be provided at no extra cost so why not come along for a trial session? If you would like to speak to someone then call 07816031521.*

We offer a fantastic extra curricular musical activity for children which is both fun and rewarding and we don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity! Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance. Don't forget that we also offer free taster sessions to schools, which is a great morning/ afternoons fun for students, where they can have a go on all of our instruments!

Email [bath@therockproject.com](mailto:bath@therockproject.com) for more details.

Thank You for your time.

Regards,

Mike Aris

**Party in the City: Fabulous FREE Family events on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** Kicking off the International Bath Music Festival is this fantastic late afternoon/evening event. Indoor and outdoor venues across Bath host music and performers, loads of which are suitable for kids. It's a wonderful way to introduce them to all kinds of different music – jazz, world, classical, choral and folk and it's all completely free! You can view the whole schedule at: <http://bathfestivals.org.uk/music/event/party-in-the-city-the-biggest-free-show-in-bath> but here are some highlights.

- Pack a picnic and head to Parade Gardens from 5pm. The **Prior Park Big Band** is up first, followed by young local singer-songwriter Isobel Holly, acoustic pop from Wade Merritt and Bath Guitar School. Music continues into the night and there's a festival bar too!
- Head to The Circus for **Sing & Samba** 6.45-7.15pm. A collaboration of choirs and local legends Jamma de Samba. Guaranteed to get you singing and dancing along..
- Come and watch **Down the Rabbit Hole** – a procession of local school children, who have created special costumes with artist Edwina Bridgeman to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alice In Wonderland and accompanied by musicians. Leaving Southgate at 5.30pm and walking through town to arrive at
- Bath Abbey for 5.50pm.
- **Turbo the Disco Turtle** – an enormous 8 metre moving sculpture that plays disco music will be entertaining you from 7-9pm around Stall Street. Not to be missed!

**PLUS House Gospel Choir: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Komedia 2-3.30pm (adults £15, free for under 18s)** They first hit the stage at last year's Glastonbury Festival and recently appeared with Labrinth on Later.. with Jools Holland with a thrilling fusion of house anthems and gospel that you can dance to. A fantastic way to enjoy the bank holiday...

<http://bathfestivals.org.uk/music/event/house-gospel-choir/>

See more Bath International Music Festival highlights at <http://bathfestivals.org.uk/music/> Sarah Dowie - Learning & Participation Officer

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