



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Parents,

The end of term is fast approaching.

At the weekend, I had a brilliant few days with the Year 6 children at Osmington Bay PGL centre. I was so impressed with the patience, understanding, support, enthusiasm and team work that I saw. I witnessed several children really stepping out of their comfort zone and pushing themselves further than they thought they could. I was very proud to be their head teacher. The children were polite and courteous to all staff on site. I am very grateful to Mrs Sheppard, Mr Biggs, Miss Harvey and Mr McNulty for being prepared to be with the children over the weekend. I think they had lots of fun too!



There are many great things going on right up to the end of term on all sites- trips to Avon Valley, Brokerswood and No1. The Crescent Bath, Egg theatre performance, Discos, Leavers' Services. Please get involved where you can.

We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Dunphy, our school business manager. Mrs Dunphy recently moved to Devon and has been commuting for a while now. She has secured a new position in Lyme Regis, where we wish her every happiness. She will be greatly missed across the federation.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support of the federation. It is great working in partnership with you. I appreciate the honesty I encounter in the relationships we have built up. It helps us to always strive further and higher.

Term begins again On **Thursday 3rd September** when I will look forward to welcoming you back after what I hope is a time of rest and refreshment for you and your family.

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! Could we please remind everyone to drive slowly through all our single track roads but particular care should be taken whilst turning left from Green St to Shoscombe Vale to allow for oncoming cars and bikes.

Term 5 Dates

15 th July	Brokerswood	KS2 Trip
16 th July	Leavers Service/Race	All welcome
16 th July	Leavers' BBQ - after school	Year 6 and their parents
17 th July	End of the school year – picnic lunch	Whole School
Thursday 3 rd September	Return to school	Whole school

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
26/06/15	97.7%	90.8%	88.3%	90.4%
03/07/15	100%	93.8%	97.4%	97.6%
10/07/15	96.9%	96.7%	92.6%	96%

Golden Oldies

Over the past 2 years pupils, from Shoscombe Primary School have been part of a European funded, International Comenius Partnership Project called The 100 Project.

As part of the aims of this Comenius project pupils have produced research about the history of their local area and country, and revisited key events of the past 100 years.

Therefore as a finale to the project we were thrilled to be invited to participate in the Goldies WW1 Schools Project as it really brought to life the heritage of the Great War. Children practiced enthusiastically for several weeks learning the songs, discussing the meaning of the lyrics and the importance of singing to raise people's spirits during difficult times. On the day the children came to school dressed as children from 100 years ago. They spent the morning baking scones and cakes and making elderflower cordial (from local elderflowers they had collected) to serve to the visitors.



We were fortunate that the chair of Bath and North East Somerset Council was able to attend the event and we were also able to borrow a 'WW1 Remembered' display from BANES detailing the local history of WW1 with photos of a Bath regiment and local personal stories from the time.

www.bathnes.gov.uk/WW1centenary. Such as

Bath War Hospital

Farmborough war memorial

Claverton war memorial

Charlie Renton

Oliver Brooks – only local recipient of the Victoria Cross in WW1



The children and the Goldies sang together creating a strong intergenerational atmosphere. We were fortunate that Miss Cross was able to accompany the children on the violin. The event was also attended by a number of elderly village residents.

The children also performed traditional Maypole dances to the visitors. The afternoon ended with some of the older pupils serving tea and chatting with the Goldies in our school chancel.



Sophie Hampton

Reception

As part of our Reception topic on Sand and Water we made 'origami' folded paper boats. We went down to the brook to see if they would float. Some Year 5 children also came with us. All the boats sailed off successfully downstream carried by the current.



As part of Reception Class topic on Sand and Water, children did a 'Walk for Water'.



Children carried water containers on their head and had bare feet while they walked up and down the top pitch. This helped them to understand what it must be like for some children in other countries who have to make a daily walk of many miles to collect water.



The Reception Class families sponsored their children to do the walk and we have raised an amazing £95.60 for Water Aid. This money will help Water Aid to provide access to clean, safe water for all. Many thanks to all who sponsored us.



Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and 2



Y1 and Y2 Exploring the world

Pupils in Y1 and Y2 have been using Google Earth to explore and locate the world's seas, oceans and islands.

Pupils were particularly interested in the seas around the British Isles.

They also learnt a new game to help them learn their correct names of the major oceans.

Martin Stevens

Year 3 and 4



Kingfisher Class have been harvesting elderflower and lavender. We've made some delicious cordial which we shared with the Goldies and some of the lavender was used in the flower arrangement the class created for Foxcote Church.



A big thank you to Martin Palmer; who came in to teach us all about Christianity in Anglo Saxon times. We all thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

The amazing flower arrangement which was on display at Foxcote Church over the weekend for the Flower Festival!



Over the course of several sessions in the Ink Room, myself, George Palfreyman, Noah Hyde, Scarlett Fisher, Oliver Quin, Beech MacDonald and Alice Edwards put together this nursery rhyme themed display. As well as the flower arranging and model making, the sessions included plenty of chatting and even some singing!! Everyone was really proud of the result!

Kate Curtis

Year 5 and 6

The Year 6 children really enjoyed going on their residential camp to Osmington Bay in Weymouth.



Many of the children really challenged themselves with difficult activities and they should be proud of themselves.

The Year 5 children enjoyed using our new iPads for the first time when they created news reports as excited news reporters outside The Egg Theatre.



We are really proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 children following their recent performance of Fantastic Mr Fox at The Egg Theatre in Bath, the costs of which were subsidised by parents and the Comenius Project. It takes courage, confidence and ability to perform on stage in front of an audience and our children should be proud of what they have achieved.

Barry McNulty

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast and after school clubs are going well. Booking forms are still available for Term 6 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**

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2 Endurance

3 Peace

4 Respect

5 Appreciation

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