



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had a good break at the end of October.



Our federation INSET day at the end of term was all about Maths. We were fortunate to be working with other local colleagues from Paulton Juniors and St John's MSN which enabled us to book Johnny Ball and Lisa Pollard from the Boolean Math Hub in Bristol. It was a day to challenge our thinking

and give us ideas to enhance our teaching.

Thank you to Mrs Hampton for completing the paperwork for our Comenius project at the beginning of term. I am delighted to say that the final report was accepted and the last portion of funding allocated. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with Erasmus + application (replaces Comenius) at the beginning of term, however this final portion of funding will allow us to subsidise a visit to Bordeaux in May for a group of children and host others in June. We are still hoping to try again for the Erasmus + programme.

The hall is filled on a daily basis with children rehearsing ready for their performance at the Egg theatre. Thank you to Mr Bob Good who is supporting us musically during this time. It will be a super performance, I am sure, later this month! As part of the national push on healthy eating, the free school meals for reception and KS1 was

The eatwell plate

Use the eatwell plate to help you get the balance right. It shows how much of what you eat should come from each food group.



introduced so that more children were receiving a balanced meal each day. We do talk to the children about this in school. This illustration shows what is meant.

There are many programmes on the television lately that are talking about the "hidden" sugar content in foods especially processed meals and drinks. Not all children take advantage of the free school meal offer or want their child to have a hot meal at lunchtime since they eat together in the evening. Please can I ask you to consider the balance of the meal you provide if you child brings a packed lunch and try to ensure there is the right amount from each section represented.

Just a reminder that although I may not be on site at all times, I am contactable via email and telephone. If you have any concerns or need to have a chat about anything, please get in touch. I can usually respond quite quickly.

Jane Gascoigne

Parking

It is once again necessary for me to raise the issue of inconsiderate parking. It is vital that no car parks on the corner of the "cinder path" which runs alongside the school. No matter how short a time you think you will be there. Doing this blocks the entrance and exit from this road. There are residents who live on this road and emergency vehicles need access. We have secured the parking at the side of the school for the staff thus releasing more parking for parents at the front of school. However if the lane is blocked by inconsiderate drivers then staff have to find space on the road. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jane Gascoigne

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
06/11/15	91.9%	95%	98.9%	91%
13/11/15	94.9%	98%	95.9%	99.3%

Below are the dates of the next FoSSA Meetings:

All at Apple Tree, 8pm

Monday 23rd November 2015

Monday 18th January 2016 - AGM

******Would anyone be interested in a position at lunch time for 2 hours a day helping to serve the dinners and wash up? If you would like more information, please go onto the B&NES website – www.bathnes.gov.uk and look at the job description for a catering assistant.*

Term 1 Dates

27/11/15	Egg Theatre Production	Year 3 and 4
30/11/15	Christmas Art Day	Whole School
05/12/15	Christmas Fayre and Sale of Christmas Trees	All welcome
8/12/15	Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.00 p.m.	KS1
9/12/15	Nativity Evening Performance 6.00 p.m.	KS1
13/12/15	Festival of Light St Lucia Procession – Foxcote Church	Open to All
18/12/15	Term ends FoSSA picnic lunch party	Whole school
4/01/16	INSET DAY	Whole school
05/01/16	Term Begins	Whole school

Reception



All classes observed the 1 minute silence for Remembrance on Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am. In Reception Class children made giant poppies.

Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and 2



Y1 and Y2 have been learning about writing instructions. They enjoyed creating their own treasure islands and wrote instructions to find hidden gold. They also wrote instructions for dance routines and performed these to the rest of the class. Miss Horler talked to the children about instructions for making meals and pupils made their own imaginary lunch.

Martin Stevens

Year 3 and 4

Rehearsals are underway for Year 3 and 4's performance at the egg theatre on 27th November



. A big thank you to Emma Mills MacDonald and Bob Goode who have been teaching the children dances and songs.



It promises to be a performance not to be missed.

Tania Rorison

Year 5 and 6

The Year 5 and Year 6 children have just begun a series of basketball coaching sessions and are excited at improving their skills in order to play matches.



The children have also just completed projects on their science topic of The Earth and our Solar System. They worked really hard on their projects, most of which was done at home, and they are really proud of their finished work. They are all now really excited about sharing their work with their peers

Barry McNulty

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast and after school clubs are continuing but numbers have dropped this academic year. Booking forms are still available from Charlotte and she asked us to say that it could be a 'use it or lose it' situation if numbers do not increase! Nothing will happen in the next few weeks but if you think you may want to take advantage of this service be sure to speak to Charlotte as soon as possible. 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. Again, if you would like to make use of this service, please contact: Charlotte Burnell on **07731861765**

Some helpful information about dinners and Parentmail:

School dinners for Key Stage 2 cost £2 a day. Please can dinner money be paid at the beginning of each week, or for a whole term. Cheques should be payable to Shoscombe Primary School. Thank you

Sally Kettle

Homeless Shoe Box Appeal



Let's give the homeless people of Bristol and Bath something to look forward to this winter

This year we are working with St Mungo's Broadway to provide gifts to the local homeless people. St Mungo's help homeless people on the journey to recovery by providing training, housing and health services.

In your shoe box (bags / other boxes also welcome!) please include items such as:

- No cook, non perishable food e.g. chocolate bars, nuts, sweets, dried fruit
- Toiletries e.g. toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitiser, sanitary products
- Warm clothes e.g. socks, hats, old jumpers, blankets, thermals, scarves
- Other torches, dog treats, a note, message or christmas card

Please take your shoebox/bag to The Coffee Hut in Peasedown by 23rd November



Holburne Museum Lantern Procession

The Holburne Museum Lantern Procession, a spectacular community event, will light up Bath on Thursday 19 November.

The Holburne Museum Lantern Procession has, over many years, grown from a small scale family celebration into a magical spectacle involving the whole community.

If you would like to take part, you will need to book on to one of the Museum's lantern-making workshops (www.holburne.org or <http://www.holburne.org>) or purchase a lantern-making kit from the Holburne Museum shop, available from Saturday October 24.

Participants should gather at the Holburne by 5.30pm. The Holburne Museum Lantern Procession will leave at 6pm and proceed over Pulteney Bridge, through town and end in Parade Gardens by 7pm. The Procession will be accompanied by three marching samba bands provided Bath School of Samba including a new Bath Spa University student band (in partnership with BSU Music Department). There will also be Glow-hoopers from Funky Monkey Studio. The procession will end in Parade Gardens with bhangra band RSVP.

The Holburne Museum Lantern Procession supported by the Cobalt Trust
Bath Christmas Lights supported by Bath & North East Somerset Council
The Bath Christmas Market will open the following week, November 26th.