



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing.

Issac Watts 1674-1748

We have reached the end of the term. How quickly the time has flown by and how fortunate we have been with the weather so far. Our Collective Worship value this term has been **ENDURANCE**...there has been great encouragement around school!

The nativity last week was superb and the children were shining stars. Thank you so much to all the staff for their part in making it happen and to you for attending and supporting. It is so important that the children are familiar with the Christmas story as we approach Christmas Day. We talk to the children about the season in the Church year-Advent. They are familiar with their calendars (and the chocolate!) but often need reminding of the reason for the Christmas celebration- the birth of Jesus. Having a beautiful performance from the children refocuses all.

Next week will be very busy with Christmas lunch, cinema and party; however it will be good fun. Thank you to all for your support over the year. May I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

See you all on TUESDAY 5th January 2016!

Jane Gascoigne

***Could we please remind you that dogs should not be brought onto the school grounds please.



Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
4/12/15	98.9%	97.5%	98.6%	99%
11/12/15	95.4.%	98%	99.5%	99.3%

Below are the dates of the next FoSSA Meetings:

All at Apple Tree, 8pm

Monday 18th January 2016 - AGM

Joan Sharples has sold many winter items of uniform recently so would be very grateful for any donations of fleeces, coats and cardigans please!

Term 1 Dates

18/12/15	Term ends - cinema trip and FoSSA picnic lunch party	Whole school
4/01/16	INSET DAY	Whole school
05/01/16	Term Begins	Whole school

Art Day



During whole school art day children worked in mixed age groups to create displays for the school hall. This year as part of our focus on MFL, the children labelled the displays using French vocabulary. Many thanks to Jo Harrison, one of our parents, for her help on the day.

Sophie Hampton

Singing their hearts out at the residential care homes in Bath!



Mrs Hampton and Miss Atkins (one of our BST teaching students) took a choir of Shoscombe children from Years 4,5, and 6 to visit 2 care homes in Bath to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Many thanks to Pauline Preddy for her lovely piano accompaniment.



Sophie Hampton

The Festival of Light Foxcote Church

Thank you to all of you who attended the Festival of Light at Foxcote Church last Sunday. The children looked fantastic, read clearly and sung beautifully.



Reception



As part of our topic on Light and Sound Reception Class had a bonfire in the Forest School and enjoyed singing some songs together by firelight. We also had a visit from Lyra's Dad who brought in lots of different LED lights to show us. His company supplies the lighting for big shows.



Sophie Hampton

Hey Ewe!!!



The KS1 and Reception nativity this year 'Hey Ewe' was an outstanding success. There was a super atmosphere and the children really enjoyed the performance. There was great singing, fantastic acting, excellent teamwork and even a solo by a curious sheep! We are very grateful to all those who gave up their time to make it such a wonderful event.

Martin Stevens and Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and 2 - Christingle

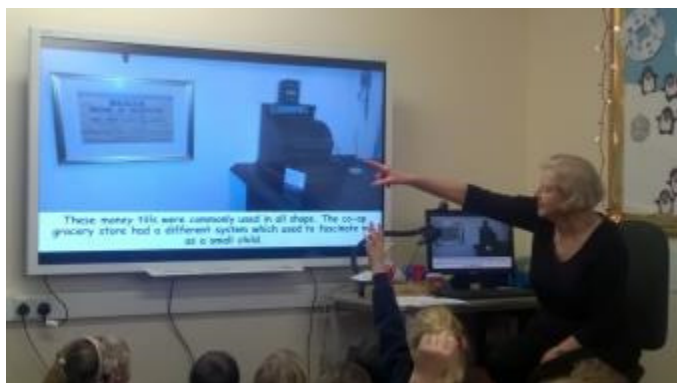


All pupils used their design skills to make a beautiful Christingle. They learnt what all the different parts symbolise and why we celebrate advent. The nativity play is coming on very well indeed and the children are very excited about showing you their acting and singing skills.

Martin Stevens

Year 3 and 4

Thank you for all the hard work that went into the Year 3 and 4 Local History homework project. I look forward to reading them. The children were enthralled by Mrs Simmons talk on growing up in Radstock this morning. Thank you to her for bringing this project to a fitting close.



Year 5 and 6



The year 5 and Year 6 children have just finished a series of Basketball lessons with professional coach, Matt Analts, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They have also been learning about coasts, rivers and seas in class and children have been taking great pride in sharing what they know about the subject with their class mates.

Barry McNulty

The term dates published on the Bath & North East Somerset's website for academic year **Sept 2016- July 2017** are only suggested dates and our dates may vary slightly. We will be publishing our dates in January, so please check with your school office before booking holidays!

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 Teachers to Parents:

Coming soon to school:

We will, in the new year, be introducing School Money in our school. This will enable parents to make payments for dinners, trips and some clubs online. Further details to follow in the new year but if you wish to take a quick look please use the link below.

http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk/public/school_money/user_guides/Parent_guide_summer2015.pdf

Sally Kettle