



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

18th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of term one...I really cannot believe how quickly the term has passed by. It was wonderful to welcome our International visitors last week. The weather was good for the outdoor visits to Stourhead and Bath for which we are thankful.



I am grateful to all those families who helped with hosting, transport, food, visits and providing a warm welcome. These partnerships rely on the support of the whole school community, so thank you. Our partners were extremely grateful too. Thank you to staff who went over and above to ensure the mobility was successful. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Socorsy and Mrs Hampton as coordinators of the project for our schools.



Our Harvest celebrations were super too. Lovely singing, great food produced by Shoscombe children & staff, beautiful poetry and prayers and presentation from St Julian's

children & a generous donation to the Parlour Shop in Wellow for the Foodbank. Thank you for attending and filling the Church at St Julian's and the hall at Shoscombe. Once again the generosity shown was huge. The teams of people who make all aspects of our school life successful are a credit to the school. It is a privilege to be part of that team.

May I remind all parents and carers about courteous parking and driving. There are some roads that are difficult to exit if cars are parked too close the junction. Please be mindful of your speed especially on the bends near the church in Wellow and from Shoscombe Vale up to the school.

I wish you all a good mid term break and hope you find time to relax and spend time with family and friends and enjoy the signs of Autumn. If you are going further afield, I wish you safe travelling.

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Parking – Polite Reminder

Parking at the side of school is reserved for Staff and school taxis. Please do not use this space to park, even for a short amount of time.

On Tuesday afternoon (17.10.17) at pick up time I was alerted to inconsiderate parking around school. The minibus, which provides home school transport, was unable to access the Cinder path next to school due to cars in the lane and at the end of the lane. This meant they had to park in front of the school on the Yellow Zig Zag lines. There were also several other cars who had parked at the front to the school gates in addition to this. The area in front of school is designated as no parking- Zig Zags are no parking zones- so that access is clear and visibility when exiting is good. Many parents find parking difficult but do not cause obstructions to others or park inconsiderately. Please think carefully before you park

Thank you.



Dogs- Polite Reminder

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Hair and Uniform

A reminder that all long hair should be tied back using bobbles and clips which are

in line with school colours. Pony tails, bunches, plaits are all good. No nail varnish should be worn at any time in school. Also that school shoes should be being worn and not trainers.

2nd January 2018 will be INSET. Other two dates to be confirmed when new Head in post.

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
6/10/17	98.9%	92.8%	95.6%	95.5%
13/10/17	93.6%	90%	92.6%	97.9%

Term Dates

16 th , 17 th , 18 th October	Parent Consultations: Year 3/4 and 5/6 Rec/Year 1 and Year 1/2	Mon afternoon 16/10 plus after school Tues/Wed – 17/10 and 18/10 Tues afternoon 17/10 plus after school Tues/Wed – 17/10 and 18/10 (finish 5.30 p.m. Tues and 6.00 p.m. Wed)
20/10/17	Break up for half term	Whole School
30/10/17	Back to School	Whole School
5/11/17	Fireworks Night - FOSSA	All welcome
10/11/17	Pantomime Writhlington	Whole school
27/11/17	Art Day	Whole School
2/12/17	FOSSA Christmas Fayre	All welcome
6/10/17	FOSSA Santa Shop	Whole school
11/12/17	KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal	KS1
12/12/17	KS2 Performance at Writhlington	KS2
13/12/17	KS1 Nativity evening performance	KS1
15/12/17	Christmas party and picnic lunch	Whole school
15/12/17	Break up for Christmas	Whole School
2/1/18	INSET Day	
3/1/18	Back to School	Whole School

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Programme



Erasmus+ Project – Connect and Unite

Last week Shoscombe school hosted staff and pupils from our Erasmus partner schools in France, Denmark, Catalonia and Greece. The visitors spent

time in our classes sharing presentations about their schools, and working with Shoscombe Year 6 pupils on activities linked to our project theme of Connections.

They attended our Harvest Celebration and also went on day trips with Shoscombe and St Julian's pupils to Stourhead (where we created land art connecting natural objects inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy) and the Holbourne Museum (where pupils worked together on connecting architectural designs inspired by the Georgian and modern architecture of the museum building) also walking along the River Avon to see how it connects to the Kennet and Avon canal. We would like to thank all the Shoscombe parents who kindly helped with the hosting arrangements for our visitors.



Reception and Year 1

Children in Robins Reception and Year 1 class enjoyed an Autumn walk along the Cinder Path behind the school. The Cinder Path connects our school to the rest of Shoscombe Village. On our walk we collected leaves and berries to decorate (connect) to crowns to wear whilst performing songs at the Harvest Celebration. We also made apple crumble for our parents and visitors to eat at the Harvest tea. In class we enjoyed the harvest story of the Little Red Hen, and then we went outside to look at one of our Little Red Hens!



Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and 2

It's been another busy two weeks in Owl Class. On Monday we baked chocolate chip biscuits for harvest festival.



We have been learning about verbs, nouns and adjectives. In topic, we have been investigating how we grow and change. In forest school this week, a popular activity was making Autumn Leaf People.



SPORTS UPDATE

A huge thank you to all, who bought in Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers. We collected an amazing 8000! This has enabled us to buy:

Football;
Large foam dice;
Balance boards;
Cricket set;
Foam Filers;
Rugby balls both hard and foam;
Plastic whistles;
Coloured tennis balls;
Perforated Balls.

My thanks go to the people who counted all the vouchers and to Mr Solly, who completed the order.

Anouska Wheeler
Sports Lead

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Year 3 and 4

This week kingfisher class have been excitedly preparing for the Erasmus project and Harvest Festival.



This week we have been really excited to welcome the children from France, Denmark, Catalonia and Greece. We have covered the classroom with posters and Flags, really enjoying the Catalanian presentation about their school. As a class we've enjoyed the good weather playing rugby in PE.



Rachel Connew

Year 5 and 6

Harvest Festival



Eagle Class really enjoyed making vegetable soup with Mrs Harries to feed our hungry Parents and Carers at the Harvest Festival! She was very impressed with our attention to our own safety and our chopping and cutting skills were brilliant. Also, of course, we looked amazing in our hair nets!



Karen Berry

FOSSA is bringing back the Class Mums!

Effective immediately, each class will have 2 class mums. Their main aim is to 'Rally the troops'! To be a 'go to' person if you have any questions, a friendly face for new families. We are hoping they will arrange class get-togethers and take an active role in every class being involved with the summer fayre!

Class Mums 2017/18		
Reception and Yr1	Tracy Hughes	TBA
Yr1 and Yr2	TBA	TBA
Yr3 and Yr4	TBA	TBA
Yr5 and Yr6	TBA	TBA

If anyone is interested in becoming a class mum, could you please contact Louisa Du Rose, Mel Chalfont-Griffiths or anyone on FOSSA and let them know. Many thanks.

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