



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I trust you all had a chance to catch up with family and friends over the festive period and try to recharge your batteries before term began again.

The Christian value we are considering this term is Peace.



Severe weather

Should the need arise to close the school due to bad weather, please be aware that we will post information on the BANES site:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures>.

You may also receive a text through Teachers 2 Parents. Wherever possible we will endeavour to keep the school open, however we have to consider health and safety of all travelling to and from school. Many staff live at a distance from school. If we do not have sufficient staff able to make the journey in order to teach, we would have to consider alternative arrangements or close the school. Thank you for your understanding.



I would like to let you know about a few events that are happening at Bath Abbey in the coming months in which you may like to participate:

Family Friendly Tours of Bath Abbey on Tuesday 16 February and Wednesday 17 February 2016 from 10:15 – 16:15

During February half term, Bath Abbey is running family friendly tours for children and the young at heart! On the tours you'll hear (and take part in!) some fabulous stories and discover some of the hidden treasures of the Abbey along the way. Guides will pick out their favourite stories from the Abbey's 1,300 year history and keep you entertained with little-known-facts.

The family friendly tours begin at 10.15 each day and runs hourly up to (and including one) at 16.15. Each tour lasts 30 minutes. Tours are free and can be booked on the day on a first come first served basis. If you live in B&NES why not make a morning or afternoon of it, bring your Discovery Card, and take a Tower Tour too? Discovery Card holders receive a 2 for 1 discount on the ticket cost of a Tower Tour ticket. Tickets for the Tower Tour will be available from the Abbey Shop.

“Messy Abbey” 12 March 2016 10:30 – 13:00

Details available on our website in due course. <http://www.bathabbey.org/> Craft activities, making hot cross buns and a simple shared lunch.

‘Streets of Bath’ exhibition 12 – 16 April 2016

This exhibition celebrates and reflects on those who live and work on our streets. We're looking for contributions to the exhibition, works of art in any media, exploring the theme. We would welcome submissions from students and pupils of local schools so if you are interested please see the attached documents for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you as a school to the Abbey or as families to the various events listed above.

Jane Gascoigne

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
8/1/16	91.3%	100%	100%	93.1%
15/1/16	92.6%	100%	98.9%	99%

Below are the dates of the next FoSSA Meetings:

All at Apple Tree, 8pm

Monday 25th 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! There are many unnamed items in lost property which we will pass on to her if they are not claimed by Friday.

Some helpful information about dinners and Teachers to Parents:

Now in School: We have introduced School Money in our school. This enables parents to make payments for dinners, trips and some clubs online. It is working really well.

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

The new dinner menu is available on the school website.

Sally Kettle

Term 3 Dates

19/01/16	Trip to Roman Baths	Years 3 and 4
12/02/16	Break up for half term	Whole school
22/02/16	Back to school	Whole school
16/03/16	Dance Umbrella	Year 5 and 6
24/03/16	Easter Egg Hunt	KS2
24/03/16	Egg Rolling and Easter Bonnet Parade	Whole school
01/04/16	Break up for Easter Holidays	Whole school
18/04/16	Back to school	Whole school

Reception



Reception Class have been enjoying a variety of fun but challenging activities at the Finger Flex table set up by our student teacher Miss Atkins.



The activities are helping to develop the children's fine motor skills.



Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and 2

Perfecting their acting skills!



This week Years 1 and 2 have been learning actions for 'The Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. They have been acting out scenes from the book and creating their own characters to replace the animals in the story.

Martin Stevens

Year 3 and 4



This week year 3 and 4 have been investigating how far a toy vehicle travels on different surfaces? We made predictions and then wrote up our findings.



Kingfisher Class have followed the lead of a Stirling School by running regularly. The teachers in the



Stirling School noticed that running a Km daily helped improve the children's fitness, behaviour and concentration in lessons. The year 3's and 4's certainly enjoy the regular exercise.

Year 5 and 6



The year 5 and year 6 children are extremely excited about beginning preparations for this year's Dance Umbrella event. We have chosen the song and the children have been working on dance move which they wish to incorporate into their performance. Just like previous years, Emma Mills MacDonald has agreed to choreograph the dance and help coach the children. We really appreciate that she gives up so much of her free time to help us in this way.

Barry McNulty

The Clothing Bank – just to let you know, we will be receiving regular collections from our bank now so would appreciate any further donations you may have. It takes all clothes and shoes but not duvets, pillows or cushions - thank you.

If anyone is interested in helping a charity called Black Swan Arts, please pick up a card from the lobby here. It is an opportunity for young people 8 years to 19 years to submit a craft or art creation and have it displayed in a professional gallery. More details on:

www.blackswan.org.uk/youngopen2016