



# SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term- Term 5. The Christian Value we are looking at this term is Creativity.

**“Creativity is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God.” Bob Moawad**  
**“You can’t use up creativity. The more you use it, the more you have.” Maya Angelou**  
**“For nothing will be impossible with God.” Luke 1:37**

Over the next term there are many exciting things planned. On Shoscombe site Y3/4 are looking forward to a visit to Dyrham Park as part of their Anglo Saxon theme. Year 5 are preparing for the elections for the next Pupil Parliament! Grandparent’s Day on Shoscombe site will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. - *more details to follow about both these events.*

On Wellow site, Fledgling Unit have already visited Wells Cathedral as part of the Jumbled Windows project and KS2 are visiting in a couple of weeks too. On Camerton site there are plans for dancing and drumming and an exciting Creativity morning before the end of term. The Duck Race is fast approaching in Wellow – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May after school.

There are also the national tests which take place during this term. Year 6 test week is the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Children in other year groups will also take part in school based testing during this time too. Y2 testing takes place during May across the federation as well.

Thank you to those who have responded to the school reports sent out just before Easter. Please return any comments to the school office via your child.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email or in person.

**Jane Gascoigne**

## UNIFORM

May we remind parents of our school uniform policy with regard to shoes. Trainers are **not** allowed, and with the warmer weather approaching (we hope!) no open- toed sandals as this is a health and safety issue.

**BAKE OFF WILL BE HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT SCHOOL WITH FUN DAY ON FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (VENUE TO BE ADVISED) FROM 2.00 P.M. ONWARDS**

## Sports Day

This year’s Sports Day will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** with **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** the reserve day in case of bad weather. It will be up at the Village Hall in the morning, followed by a picnic lunch after which the children will return to school for their normal afternoon timetable.

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**We have had a report of a tick being found on a child and there is a possibility it could have been picked up on the school grounds. While it is unusual for ticks to be found in short grassy areas, could you please check your children each evening. Many thanks.**  
**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!**

**Also, with regard to parking, we are still hoping to use the area next to the school but this is being negotiated. In the meantime, could you please park sympathetically to allow for safety and access.**

### Reception

As part of our topic on Parks & Gardens, Reception children enjoyed a visit to Shoscombe Park to investigate forces (pushes and pulls) on the play equipment. We have also been hard at work in our vegetable garden.



We harvested leeks to make delicious Leek and Potato soup (so delicious that children asked for 2nd and 3rd helpings and even said they would like to eat it for breakfast!).



*Sophie Hampton*

### Year 1 and 2

Pupils really made the most of the great weather with a trip to our school allotment.



They cleared all the beds and started planting for the new season. It was really good to see children working in teams, finding and discussing all sorts of creatures, learning about plants and enjoying outdoor learning.



*Martin Stevens*

## Year 3 and 4

### Friends of Foxcote Church Easter Event



The children really enjoyed the talk given by Martin Palmer, going into the Crypt and making the Easter Garden. Martin Palmer has also offered to come and talk to year 3 and 4 about Christianity in the Anglo Saxon times.



A big thank you to Ian Meadows who spent the whole morning talking to the children about the Pagan Anglo Saxons. The children were fascinated by the slides and stories he told. In forest school this week we produced a setting for our Anglo Saxon Myths that have been inspired by reading Beowulf.



## Year 5 and 6



We currently have Martin Phillips, an FA Skills Coach, teaching football to the children for our PE lessons. The FA skills team run an after school skills centre at Writhlington School on a Thursday.

The skills centre offers children the chance to develop their skills and a love of the game. More information and bookings can be made at

[www.thefa.com/skills](http://www.thefa.com/skills)



**Barry McNulty**

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

Breakfast and after school clubs are going well. Booking forms are still available for Term 5 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**

**Term 5 Dates**

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Saxon Visit Dyrham Park	Year 3 and 4
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Grandparents Day	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play	Rec children (Sept 2015)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Second Hand Uniform Sale	Open to all
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs/Assessment Week	Years 1-6
17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Comenius - Spain	Some year 6 and staff
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Newbridge Primary - Singing	Year 1 and 2
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for h/term	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY *****	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Arts Week	Whole School
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Bake Off	Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tennis Competition	Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Hearing Test	Reception
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Village Hall	Whole School
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day Reserve Day	Whole School
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Kwik Cricket	Some Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play	Rec children (Sept 2015)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Day	Whole School
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Spirit of Wells Leavers' Day	Year 6
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 5 Prior Park	Year 5
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Taster Day	Year 6
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Camp – Osmington Mills	Year 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Egg Performance	Year 5 and 6
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Flower Show	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Avon Valley trip	Rec/KS1
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Brokerswood Trip	KS2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service/Race/Party	Year 6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of School Year	

**Attendance**

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
17/04/15	100%	99.1%	99.4%	99.2%
24/04/15	97.7%	98.3%	99.1%	100%

*Could we please remind everyone to ensure your children have the correct kit in school for activities like PE, football, badminton, swimming and Forest School.*

**\*\*\*\*Second Uniform Sale Friday 8th May after school in the Hall**

**We are, again, collecting Sainsburys' Active Kids Vouchers. We'd be really grateful if you would bring any you are given to the lobby area where the box will be positioned. Many thanks.**

**Spring is the traditional time for a Spring Clean and Clear Out!!**

So don't throw your unwanted items away, as there will be a Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall in the next couple of months.

So start sorting your stuff ready for it.