



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

5th April 2017

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the term again. The days are getting longer and warmer- spring has sprung! Thank you for all your support and understanding over the last terms. I appreciate the honesty and openness of many parents. It helps us to make the experience of children in Shoscombe Church School even better.

I know many of you will agree with me when I say how proud I am of the children who performed at the Forum on Wednesday evening. Weren't they magnificent? Every single one of them shone! Thank you for supporting them and thank you too, to the superb staff team that gave up their evening to be with the children. It is such a super evening, and a chance for us to be together as a federation. Well done to everyone.

I am aware that there is some playground talk about the reasons why some families have chosen to move their children to other schools. There are many reasons why parents make decisions about changing schools for their children. One of the comments on the playground relates to "bullying".

One minute children are as thick as thieves then there's a disagreement and someone is no longer part of the group or "best friends" fall out and vow never to see or speak to each other again. When this happens, it's usually families who bear the brunt.

There is no legal definition of bullying. I feel we though we need to be clear about what bullying is: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

It's usually defined as behaviour that is:

- repeated
- intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally
- often aimed at certain groups, eg because of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation

It takes many forms and can include:

- physical assault
- teasing
- making threats
- name calling
- cyberbullying - bullying via mobile phone or online (eg email, social networks and instant messenger)

In our school we take all reports of bullying seriously and act as soon as we are aware of it. Please ensure you communicate with us if you have concerns so that we can work together to make all children feel safe.

At home, when arguments and disagreements occur:

Listen carefully to what happened.

- Try not to take sides.
- Don't criticise the other child too much or say how you've never liked her anyway - remember that most of these falling-outs are very short-lived and often friends have made up again before you've had chance to draw breath.
- Avoid condemning your own child's behaviour. It's more valuable to ask him/her to think about how things could have happened differently for example maybe if he/she hadn't said such and such or perhaps she misunderstood or overreacted.
- Be supportive and loving but don't get too involved. Your son/daughter has to learn how negotiate relationships and deal with painful experiences.
- Suggest ways of making up: a phone call, invite to tea, a smile of encouragement when they next meet...
- Don't confront the other child.

Nurturing friendships

Children who have outside interests and friends from different areas of their life tend to cope better with relationships. Being all day at school with a group of friends, and then seeing only them socially can be claustrophobic and a breeding ground for petty jealousies and disagreements.

Encourage your child to develop friendships in areas where her interests may lay – sports, music, faith groups, neighbours, and youth clubs – so that she has a network of friends and relationships outside school.

When to intervene

If your child is being bullied or physically attacked you need to take steps to protect them. You should communicate the class teacher as your first contact and then if you are still concerned contact a member of SLT.

STAFFING UPDATE

Other concerns being talked about on the playground relate to staffing, particularly to next year for Year 5 & 6. As you are aware Mrs. Rivers is due to have her baby in July. Unfortunately she has been unwell and unable to be in school recently. We are fortunate to have Mr. Spencer who can cover the class and provide some consistency. We will in due course interview for a maternity cover post. This person, whoever they might be, will be in position until the return of Mrs. Rivers following the birth of her baby.

Mrs Berry will be continuing to teach Y1/2 – this is likely to continue for several weeks. I cannot be more specific at this stage as it is unclear when Mr Stevens will no longer be required at Camerton Church School. I appreciate this is unsettling for you; I will keep you informed of any changes to this situation. Some of you will be aware that Mrs Berry has been successful in securing a permanent position in the federation, following her interview last week on St Julian's site.

I would remind all parents that if they have concerns it is better to air them with school rather than dwell on them. My direct email address is: jane_gascoigne@bathnes.gov.uk

Please contact me if you have any issues or alternatively wish to compliment staff about their practice.

Reports

The children in reception to year 4 will have their reports sent out on the last day of term 7th April. Unfortunately, due to staff sickness there will be a delay in getting the reports out for the year 5's and 6's. The reports will be sent out on Monday 15th May. We apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience and understanding.

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September 4th 2017 and 2nd January 2018 will be INSET. Other dates to be confirmed next term.

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
24/4/17	95%	96.2%	96.6%	97.6%
31/4/17	91.1%	98.5%	97.9%	91.5%

Term Dates

5/4/17	Greek Day – children to dress in traditional ancient Greek clothes	Year 5 and 6
5/4/17	Dodgeball Festival – Writhlington (12 – 2.30pm)	Year 3 and 4
5/4/17	Easter Lunch	Whole school
6/4/17	Easter Service (9 am) Egg Rolling and Easter Bonnet Parade. (afternoon)	Whole School
6/4/17	School Disco (5- 6.30 pm)	KS1 and KS2
7/4/17	Last day of term	
24/4/17	Back to school	Everyone
25/04/17	Allotment Club starts (after school)	
26/4/17	School photos – class and Leavers (12.30pm)	
27/4/17	Quick Sticks Hockey Final. Leave school 8am (starts at 9.15pm)	Year and 6 team members
27/4/17	Archery Tournament – (all day)	Selected team members
1/5/17	May Bank Holiday	
2/5/17	INSET DAY	Everyone

Reception and Year 1

Many thanks to the parents and members of our school community, who have visited Reception and Year 1 Class as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic.



In the past two weeks we have been extremely fortunate to have had visits from a paramedic (and ambulance), a doctor, a police officer and a vicar!



We have also visited a local smallholding to learn about how farmers help us. The children have had many questions to ask, have learnt lots of interesting information and produced lots of follow up work.



Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and 2

The year 1 and 2s did an amazing performance of 'Shine' at the Dance Umbrella last Wednesday!



We were so proud of them and they showed such bravery after realising how big The Forum is!



They worked very hard, with many practices along the way, to create an amazing dance that showed off all their skills. Thank you so much for all your support and your kind comments of appreciation have been so well received.

Karen Berry

Year 3 and 4

Kingfisher Class had a wonderful trip to Wells Cathedral. We had a busy day and it all began with creating a 3D model of the Cathedral, where we learnt about all the different sections of the Cathedral.



We split into two groups and had a tour of the Cathedral and watched the amazing 24-hour clock at 12pm. After lunch, we had a run around outside, before making individual stain glass windows.



After making our windows, we went to the Chapter House. On our way there, we had to walk up these beautiful, but very steep, old steps. In the Chapter House, we all laid down on the floor, listened to some music and had some reflection time. It was a lovely end, to a very busy day.

Mrs Wheeler

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 were on fire at Dance Umbrella and gave a truly fantastic performance - well done!





A big thank you to Emma Mills-MacDonald who choreographed the dances and worked with the children at school.

Thomas Spencer/Tania Rorison

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		
Reception and Yr1	Stacey Pitney	Tina Burrows
Yr1 and Yr2	Sally Williams	Anna Taylor
Yr3 and Yr4	Cheryl Key	Susan Young
Yr5 and Yr6	Benice Hampton	Melinda Newbiggin

****We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers! Please remember to collect them when you do your shopping (until 2nd May), and pop them in the box at school. Feel free to ask friends & family to collect on our behalf too! Thank you!**

Quiz night

The Fossa quiz on Saturday night, saw a packed house and a great evening was had by all. Thank you to the staff and parents who supported the event. The event raised £454.65 for the library fund.



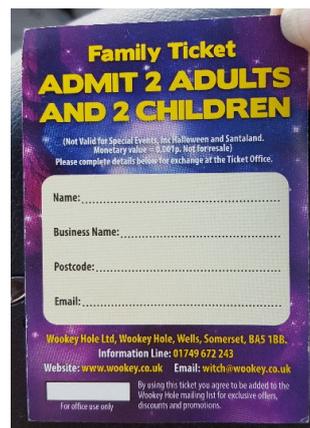
*****Our next event is Family Bingo at the village hall on April 22nd at 2.30pm. We would love to see you there!**



Shoscombe School PTA – Fossa
Find us on Facebook for up to date information, events, photos and lost spellings!

Sponsored Walk

Sponsor forms will be coming home this week for the whole school sponsored walk on May 19th. Do not forget the fabulous prize for the child who raises the most sponsor money!



Second Hand Uniform.

The lovely Joan, who has run this for many years, has sadly had to stand down. Huge thanks to her for her sterling work, she will be greatly missed.

Denise Scott has offered to help as usual till the end of the school year but we need volunteers to take this invaluable School resource on ASAP! To arrange a summer sale early next term. Uniform is stored at school and sales are roughly 3 times a year. All monies raised are given to school art supplies.

CAN YOU HELP?

Save these dates:

April 22nd Family Bingo at the Village Hall
May 2nd FOSSA Meeting 8pm at the Apple Tree

May 13th Bake Off at School

May 19th Sponsored walk

May 21st Nearly New Children's Sale at the Village Hall

June 6th FOSSA Meeting 8pm at the Apple Tree

June 21st Fashion show and clothes sale at the School

July 4th FOSSA Meeting 8pm at the Apple Tree

July 8th Summer Fete at the School

F.O.S.S.A

School Disco!

*On
Thursday 6th
April 2017*

*At
Shoscombe
School
5 to 6.30pm*

*DRESS TO
IMPRESS!*



*£3 entry to include drinks
and nibbles*

**Camerton Community Hall
New Committee
invite You to an
Easter Fun Day**



Saturday 15th April 2017 12 to 4 pm

Bring a picnic

Easter Egg Hunt Quiz

Face Painting Cakes

Easter Bonnet Competition

Lots more!

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Bath Light Operatic Group
Present

Oliver!

Music, Lyrics and Book by
Lionel Bart

Featuring children from Curtain Up Theatre School

18th – 22nd April 2017
Tuesday – Saturday Evening 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

The Roper Theatre, The West Wing
Hayesfield School
Bath
BA2 3LA
Ticket Prices : £15 /£13 concessions
Box Office 01225 863740 or
www.bath.ticketsource.co.uk
(Booking Fee may apply)

 ROPER RHODES
BATH 

Produced for Broadway Stage by David Merrick and Donald Albery
By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York



**TIMSBURY NATURAL
HISTORY GROUP**

Mya-Rose Craig

“Antartica”



7.30pm

Monday 20th March

Conygre Hall, North Road,

Timsbury BA2 0JQ

Visitors welcome £3.00

Refreshments and raffle

For further information

please ring:

Rodney Bruce [Chairman] on:

01761 433013

Subject: School Transport - Consultation on Increase to Charges from September 2017

Consultation on increase to denominational and fare paying transport charges from September 2017.

The Council is considering an increase to denominational and fare paying passenger transport charges from September 2017.

Full details are available via the link below and it would be appreciated if you can please bring this to the attention of your parents.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/home-school-transport/school-transport-consultation>

If you would like to comment on these proposed changes you can either E-Mail to the following address: -

Admissions_Transport@bathnes.gov.uk or write to the Admissions & Transport Unit, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG.

Consultation opens on **Monday 13th March 2017** and closes on **Friday 7th April 2017**.

Following the consultation period the final decision will be agreed by a Single Member Decision and published on the Council's website during May 2017.

Kind Regards

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