



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

December 2016

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I was delighted to be at the Egg Theatre for the recent performance of **Shakespeare Rocks**.

The children performed excellently. I was impressed with their timing, the comedy, the confidence and the sheer enjoyment on each face. It was superb! Thank you to all the staff who made the evening possible. It is moments like this that provide those memories – special memories which make us who we are in the future....there are definitely some shining stars in Shoscombe! I am really looking forward to the Nativity performances from our younger children. I know many of you will be joining us on Wednesday 14th December to marvel at them too. Thank you to all of you for supporting the children in learning lines and providing costumes...we couldn't do it without you!

Staffing update.

Due to on-going illness on Camerton site, Mr Stevens will be remaining on Camerton site and Mrs Berry will be remaining on Shoscombe site for at least the first few weeks of term. Thanks you for your continued understanding.

We are also delighted to welcome Miranda Wells on to our teaching team from January, as well as Trina Timbrell and Jessica Lucas as part of our support team. I am sure you will make them feel part of the school family.

We are delighted that Mrs Julie Wellington will be returning to our team from 9th January 2017 as School Business Manager. Julie will be based on Camerton site each morning and across the federation during the afternoons.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. See you all again for the beginning of term 3 on TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2016.

When children have been dismissed to their parents at the end of the school day, they are the responsibility of the parents. There have been one or two incidents over the last term that have ended in injury. Please make sure as parents/carers you are aware of where your children are and what they are doing. Likewise when walking along the lanes to cars, please make sure you reinforcing the Green Cross Code with the children. Visit the website for information:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/the-green-cross-code/>

Santa's Christmas Prayer

By Warren D. Jennings

The sleigh was packed,
the reindeer were fed,
But Santa still knelt
by the side of the bed.

I will fill all the stockings
and not leave a track.
I'll eat every cookie
that's left for my snack.

"Dear Father," he prayed
"Be with me tonight.
There's much work to do
and my schedule is tight.

I can do all these things Lord,
only through You,
I just need your blessing,
then it's easy to do.

I must jump in my sleigh
and streak through the sky,
Knowing full well
that a reindeer can't fly.

All this is to honor
the birth of the One,
That was sent to redeem us,
Your most Holy Son.

I will visit each household
before the first light,
I'll cover the world
and all in one night.

So to all of my friends,
lest Your glory I rob,
Please Lord, remind them,
who gave me this job."

With sleighbells a-ringing,
I'll land on each roof,
Amid the soft clatter
of each little hoof.

To get in the house
is the difficult part,
So I'll slide down the chimney
of each little heart.

My sack will hold toys
to grant all their wishes.
The supply will be endless
like the loaves and the fishes.



Term Dates

14/12/16	Nativity Evening Performance	Reception and KS1
15/12/16	Christmas Lunch	Whole school
16/12/16	FoSSA Lunch Party for children and end of term. 2.00 p.m. finish	Whole School
3/1/17	Back to school	Whole School
11/1/17	Mentoring Plus	Year 5 and 6
12/1/17	Mentoring Plus	Year 5 and 6

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
02/12/16	78.5%	78.9%	84.4%	97.1%
09/12/16	84.5%	91.15%	79.2%	87.6%

I look forward to seeing some 100% attendance in the new term after all the bugs are gone!

Art Day

During whole school Christmas Art Day pupils worked in House Teams to create displays for the school hall.



We have a partner school from the Greek island of Kalymnos in our Erasmus+ project. We discovered that there is a Greek tradition of decorating boats at Christmas time.



As well as our traditional Nativity scene we created displays about Christmas in Romania and in Greece.



In Romania children dress in traditional costumes and go carol singing carrying a big decorated star.

The Chirita family in their traditional Christmas costumes



Luca and Antonia came to school in their beautiful Romanian Christmas costumes. They sang the Star carol to KS1 children and told all the children about Christmas in Romania. Their Mummy baked a Romanian Christmas cake for everyone to share.

Shakespeare Rocks! absolutely rocked last

Friday at the Egg Theatre!



What a show! The KS2 children made every member of the school very proud with their imaginative and fun retelling of Shakespeare's life. They were word perfect, their dance moves could not be faulted and they demonstrated excellent theatrical awareness with their timing, always allowing the audience time to respond without letting it take from this outstanding performance. Well done to everyone involved!



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been practising hard for the Nativity Production, **Christmas with the Aliens.**



They have been trying on their costumes, learning their lines, and learning words and signs to go with the songs.



Sophie Hampton and Karen Berry

Year 3 and 4

We all had a fantastic art day and really enjoyed the wonderful activities that were on offer.





After such a wonderful play at the Egg Theatre, we started the week, getting into the Christmas spirit making peppermint creams, snowmen and a French paper chain.



On Tuesday, we had a surprise delivery from the North Pole! It was an Elf on the Shelf. After a class vote we named him Maxi. Maxi flies back each night to Father Christmas to tell him about what we have been doing during the day, as well as our behaviour. In the morning, we have to look for Maxi to see if he is in the classroom. Please ask the children what Maxi has been doing so far in Kingfisher Class.

Anouska Wheeler

Year 5 and 6



We have really enjoyed learning about WW2 over the past 2 terms and have recently discussed some of the songs that we frequently sung during that era. Please ask us about one of the Christmas carols discussed or perhaps we could share one of our favourites; "Kiss me Goodnight, Sergeant Major."

Allainah Rivers

Festival of Light at Foxcote Church



Thank you to everyone who came and took part. The children were fantastic demonstrating their amazing recorder skills and singing. A big thank you as well to all the parents and families who came to support this lovely event.

Tania Rorison

*****Second Hand Uniform Sale will be take place in the school hall on Friday 7th January 2017**