



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Unfortunately I am once again writing to you about the insensitive, inconsiderate driving that is taking place in the lanes around school particularly during the morning.

As a school we provide the staffing for the walk to school three days per week. There are groups of parents who are not taking advantage of this generous offer and instead are driving to school, dropping off at the school gate and making it very uncomfortable for those walking to school by not waiting long enough for parents to make themselves and their children safe on the road side. Not only that but those parents then drive up Single Hill and on occasions pass the walking bus which is on its way down the hill.

Please show respect to all pedestrians on the road and use the walking bus whenever possible preferably every day it is on offer. It is vital we educate our children how to be good citizens and this is just one way in which we can do this. I was delighted to be able to watch the children at the Forum in the Dance Umbrella this week!. For me to be able to see all three schools in the federation at one event is brilliant. It is always a super occasion. Thank you to the teachers and parents, who prepared, rehearsed and supported the children and thank you to you for being there on the night! The children were absolutely wonderful and I felt privileged to be their head teacher. FOSSA have had some exciting conversations with PTFA (Camerton) and PTA (ST Julian's) about possible future fund raising. Please continue to support all their events- your children benefit from the funds raised in so many ways.



You may have noticed that we have not invited you to an Easter service this year.

This is because we are taking Key Stage 2 children to St Julian's Church in Wellow to take part in an Easter experience. The children will have an opportunity to interact with a series of displays which show aspects of Easter week. Mrs Rodford, assistant head on Wellow site, has prepared the displays and involved some local parishioners too. We are extremely grateful to her for all the hard work. We trust the children will find this experience a helpful way of understanding the event of Easter. The church will be open for parents and friends to visit and engage with the Easter display **from 3.15 p.m. onwards on Tuesday, 22nd March and Wednesday, 23rd March.** Please take time to talk to your children about it after their visit on Wednesday.



We will be holding our annual Easter bonnet parade and egg rolling competition on Thursday afternoon. In addition, Key Stage 2 will be walking to the Long Barrow and hunting for Easter Eggs on Thursday morning!

Jane Gascoigne



Please support us in school by encouraging your children to cross sensibly and properly outside school especially. Please cross in a straight line from school to the opposite side of the road. I have witnessed some unsafe walking along the lane over the last term and it has been commented up on by other parents and locals. As parents it is our role to educate our children by setting a good example – please remember that when walking on a road without a pavement you should walk on the side facing the oncoming traffic. They can see you and you can see them. Single file or child holding your hand, with the child on the side away from the road, is the safest way for this.



The green cross code

The Green Cross Code is taught in schools but needs to be reinforced from home - and not just by memorising the words, but by parents practicing and explaining the code to their children. Do you know it? Do you follow it? The code is for everyone. Please go through this with your children. We intend to remind children too. Look at this website...there are things for you to do together.

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils>

The Green Cross Code

- 1. First find the safest place to cross**
- 2. Stop just before you get to the kerb**
- 3. Look all around for traffic and listen**
- 4. If traffic is coming, let it pass**
- 5. When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run**

How you can help your child and other children:

- Set a good example. Use the Green Cross Code yourself.
- Show your child how to use the Code to cross the road when you're out and about.
- Let your child show you that they know how to cross the road safely – start practising on quiet roads first.
- Point out dangerous places to cross on local roads. Point out safer places as well. Some places may be safer at some times of the day than at others.
- Use pedestrian crossings even if it involves a small detour.
- Talk about the importance of not using a mobile phone or texting while crossing the road.
- Remind your child that they cannot hear traffic if listening to music through earphones or see it properly if wearing a large hood.

Just a reminder that our **Easter holiday dates** may not be the same as other local schools. We have stuck with the BANES recommended dates; we break up on **Thursday 24th March at the end of the school day and return on Tuesday 29th 0845.** We then break up again **on Friday 1st April at the end of the day and return on Monday 18th April 2016 0845.**

'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.

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
12/02/16	90.2%	99%	89.2%	96.3%
26/02/16	95.2%	91%	95.9%	94.7%
04/03/16	86.7%	80%	96.8%	97.5%
11/03/16	96.4%	98.1%	98.1%	97.8%
18/03/16	79.5%	100%	91.14%	93.1%

The new dinner menu is available on the school website. The price for school dinners is going up to **£2.40 per child (for KS2)**. Although the increase is from 01/04/16 we will 'absorb' this cost for the last day of term and increase the cost to our parents from **Monday 18th April 2016. Sally Kettle**

Term 3 Dates

23/03/16	Easter Experience at St Julian's Church, Wellow	KS2
24/03/16	Easter Egg Hunt	KS1 and 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
19/04/16	FoSSA Meeting-Apple Tree 8.00 p.m.	All welcome
22/04/16	Children's Disco	KS1 5.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. and KS2 6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
28/04/16	Nigel Coles Photos	Class photos plus Year 6 Leavers

Children's Disco – Friday 22nd April – details to follow

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.

Reception



Sofia taking an enthusiastic and active part in our Sport Relief skipping challenge! Well done!

Sophie Hampton

Year 1 and Year 2



Pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Radstock Museum. First they visited a Victorian classroom and were rather shocked by the super strict teacher who told them about the cane and daily hand inspections!



They also learnt about local coal mining and visited a pretend mine. Our pupils were surprised at the age of some of the children who worked in the mines and also that ponies worked underground.



Later the class visited a Victorian home and shop. It was a super trip that really helped them understand about the local area as well as support our current topic on changes.



We would like to thank FOSSA for paying for this visit.



Martin Stevens

Year 3 and 4

This week years 3 & 4 have been reading and writing traditional fairytales.



Lots of the children brought in their own books and we had a few which had been treasured by parents since childhood. They listened to 'The Very Smart Pea and the Princess To Be' by Mini Grey and are now planning a twisted fairytale of their own.

Tania Rorison

Year 5 and 6

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children recently enjoyed taking part in the annual Dance Umbrella event. They all had a lovely evening in Bath and enjoyed



watching the performances of other schools as well as performing themselves.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children should also be commended for raising money for Sport Relief. They taught many of our younger children how to skip showing a real nurturing, patient side. It was lovely to see all of our children repeatedly aiming to break their personal record for the amount of skips they were able to do in two minutes. We had many exhausted children but it was all for a good cause.



Barry McNulty

****New Shoscombe Toddler Group****

Starting on **Friday 29th April 2016**, parents/carers and preschool children of any age are welcome to join us for our new toddler group on **Fridays from 1.30pm - 3pm at Shoscombe Village Hall.**

There will be lots of stimulating activities to choose from and our aim is to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all.

Refreshments are served during the session. Cost is: £3.00 per family.

For more information please contact Sarah on 07900995222/Email: thesit@gmail.com or Filippa on: 07866178581/

Email filippaross@googlemail.com

*****Donations needed*****We would welcome any donations of toys or books suitable for our new toddler group (ages 0 months - 4yrs) we are starting in the village on **Friday 29th April.**

If you feel you have anything to donate please text or call Rosie on: 07595279126 - Many thanks in advance!

***"Street Dance Classes"
Shoscombe Village Hall***

Monday evenings starting 11th April

17:30 – 19:00

6-15 year olds - £4 per person

**Building confidence and social skills
whilst having fun!**

For more information please contact

Jordan Crowther-Russell

shoscombstreetdance@hotmail.com

or 07983 246899.

Pyjama Day!!

Friday 1st April – 8.00 a.m.

***Come to school in your pyjamas!
Enjoy a hot chocolate, a croissant
and a story before school.***