



SHOSCOMBE CHURCH SCHOOL



Church Valley Schools Federation

31st January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who were able to pop in and say 'hello' last Wednesday. It is great to be able to put names to faces. Thank you to Mrs White for helping to organise the gathering and thank you also to all those who made delicious cakes.

It was very useful to hear what you feel is going well in school and where you feel we could improve. I am hoping that we can work together to embed our Christian values and build our school community back up to one of strength and unity. Each and every child at Shoscombe is special and a valued member of our school and I am sorry to hear that this message has not always been felt by some children. I want to work with the children, parents, staff and wider community to embed our values and establish a period of stability so that children always feel happy and able to thrive.

Please support us by coming straight to me or a teacher if you have concerns or worries so that we can help deal with the issue immediately. If you were unable to pop in last week but would like to talk to me about a specific issue, please call the office to make an appointment or find me in the playground before or after school. Thank you for the continued support you show to the school. We have had a lot of exciting learning in our classes this month and as a result I have been shown some amazing writing by our children. This has ranged from descriptions of African savannahs to reports about the Viking Day. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who help to organise and plan our varied and exciting curriculum. Also this month, some of our older children have been using Skype to talk to our Erasmus partners in Denmark and Spain - thanks to modern technology (and very persistent teachers)! The trip to Barcelona is in March and I know our children are getting very excited about the prospect of visiting our European friends. We are very lucky to be part of the Erasmus project and thank you to Mrs Hampton for all the organisation that goes into this. The landscaping in the performance garden is now complete and the next phase of this project will be planting the beds. If you want to be involved in this or have some plants you are happy to donate then we would be very grateful. Here's hoping we have some long sunny days in the summer to enjoy the peace and tranquillity that this garden will offer.

It has been a very busy month and there are still a few weeks to go until half term. Have a restful break when we get there and hopefully we'll enjoy a break from the recent wet and windy weather!

FOSSA (PTA)

We are very keen to hear from any parents who feel they can get involved in fund raising for the school through our FOSSA. Our dedicated team of parents are looking to recruit new members who can help organise and run future fund raising events. The more people that join, the more we can spread the load. If you can help in a small way or a big way then we need you and will appreciate your efforts. Please get behind this team! If you feel you can help in any way please let us know in the office and we will direct you to the right person. Thank you.

MOBILE PHONES

Reminder – if your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school they must bring it straight to the school office in the morning where we can keep it safe for the day. Children are not to use phones before or after school for any purpose other than to call their parents/carers. Thank you.

COMMUNICATION

We have an open door policy here at the Church Valley Schools Federation which means parents and carers are always welcome to come and talk to a member of staff about their child. Please see your child's teacher at the start or end of the day to arrange a suitable time for a meeting. We are lucky that many of our staff members are also parents of children in the school, but please remember that all our staff sign a confidentiality agreement when they start working with us, and therefore if you see a member of staff outside of school, please do not ask them about your child's schooling. It puts that member of staff in a difficult position and it is better to come straight to the class teacher. I am always happy to meet with parents so please feel free to make an appointment via the school office if there is something you would like to discuss. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Performance League Tables

These are now available to view on the DfE website (www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk) We are really proud of the results from last year where our pupils in Key Stage 2 achieved **well above** the national average in in reading, writing and maths. Our Key Stage 1 pupils and Early Years pupils continue to do well, improving on their outcomes from 2016. Our progress measures at Key Stage 2 are an indication that some of our year 6 pupils, despite attaining highly, did not make the progress we expected them to make in writing and this is an area we are addressing in our school development plan and staff training. We are extremely proud of our children and the teachers who work so hard to get the best from our children every day. If you have any questions about assessment processes please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

SCHOOL TIMES

School starts at 8:45 and it is important that your child is in school and ready to learn. Many intervention groups are timetabled to start first thing in the morning and children complete morning tasks which link to their learning for the day so it is important that all children are there on time. Well done to those children who have been making a great effort to be in school on time but there is still room for improvement. Get those alarm clocks set!

Ruth Noall
Headteacher

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Second Hand uniform sale – Wednesday 31st January from 3.00 p.m. in the Library



Parking – Polite Reminder

Parking at the side of school is reserved for Staff and school taxis. Please do not use this space to park, even for a short amount of time.

Recently, the minibus, which provides home school transport, was unable to access the Cinder path next to school due to cars in the lane and at the end of the lane. This meant they had to park in front of the school on the Yellow Zig Zag lines. There were also several other cars who had parked at the front to the school gates in addition to this. The area in front of school is designated as no parking- Zig Zags are no parking zones- so that access is clear and visibility when exiting is good. Many parents find parking difficult but do not cause obstructions to others or park inconsiderately. Please think carefully before you park
Thank you.

Dogs- Polite Reminder



Dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Hair and Uniform

A reminder that all long hair should be tied back using bobbles and clips which are **in line with school colours**. Pony tails, bunches, plaits are all good. No nail varnish should be worn at any time in school. Also that school shoes should be being worn and not trainers.

2nd January 2018 will be INSET. Other two dates – Monday and Tuesday - 23rd and 24th July 2018

Attendance

Week ending	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Eagles
19/1/18	88.3%	77.7%	90.7%	80.6%
26/1/18	97.8%	91.5%	98.9%	89.1%

Term Dates

5/2/18	Mock SATs Week	Year 6
8/2/18	Humanities Taster Sessions	Year 5 and 6
9/2/18	Break up for half term	Whole school
20/2/18	Reception Height and Weight	Reception Class
9/3/18	Litter Picking Day	Whole School
12/3/18	Informal Q&A evening	Yr6 Par/Carers
14/3/18	Dance Umbrella	Year 5 and 6
19/3/18	Informal Q&A evening	Yr6 Par/Carers
19-23 rd March	Erasmus Barcelona Trip	Some Year 6 children
21/3/18	Year 6 Height/ Weight	Year 6
23/3/18	Break up for Easter	

Dance Umbrella Year 5/6

Year 5/6 will be taking part in Dance Umbrella this year on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 6.30pm – 8.30pm (approx finish). As a school, we have purchased, one ticket per child, that you will be able to purchase from us, nearer the time of the performance at a cost of £7.50. However, additional tickets, for you to buy, go on sale on **Thursday 1st February 2018** and will be available from www.bathforum.co.uk or tel: 0844 888 9991 (max 2 tickets per booking). Tickets will be priced at £7.50 adults, £5.00 concessions. There is a delivery charge of £2.25 postage per order or £1.75 E ticket charge per order. **Please be advised these tickets do tend to sell out very quickly.**

Reception and Year 1

As part of our Africa topic, we have been reading Handa's Surprise. We have been recreating the story, making a fruit salad and writing instructions on how to make our fruit salad. Our new displays show the children's fantastic work! When making our fruit salad, we used some fruits from the story and used our new maths knowledge to prepare them. We have been learning about sharing, doubling and halving. We cut our fruit in half, chopped them up and shared the fruit salad between us all. The children were fantastic at making it and some tried new fruits they hadn't had before. It was very delicious; some children even had seconds and thirds!!



I would also like to say a huge thank you and farewell to Robins class and Shoscombe school for making my time with you so enjoyable. I will be leaving on the 2nd February as I continue my teacher training. The children have been fantastic students with their good behaviour, eagerness to learn and lovely personalities. They have taught me so much about what makes a good teacher. I've had a fantastic mentor and amazing staff to work beside as well. It's been a great getting to know you all and thank you for all your support. All the best,

Miss Langley

Year 1 and 2

In Owls Class we have been writing setting descriptions about a safari scene and using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe the animals, as well as prepositions, such as under, next to, behind to add more detail to our writing. In maths we have been using place value cards and money to develop our understanding of teen numbers, as well as learning about ordinal numbers – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so on. Some of us have been exploring using money to make 10p more or 10p less.



Some of us have made Safari Sunset pictures, with Mary, a volunteer, who spends time in our class completing art with us. In Science, we have been exploring about different types of habitats and in Topic we have made National Park maps, using symbols in a key to add detail.

Mrs Wheeler

Year 5 and 6

We had an amazing time in Year 5 and 6 when Hrogarth (Roger) The Viking visited! His knowledge of all aspects of Viking life was astonishing and both the children and adults were captivated by the facts – both the gory and otherwise!



He had so many Viking artefacts and replica items to show us and helped us to delve in to Viking life by setting up brilliant role plays based on everyday Viking experiences and also Viking God and Goddess stories.



The children have enjoyed creating art and DT projects as a result and have begun to work on Viking pamphlets during our English lessons.



Karen Berry

Skype Call to Denmark!

Four Shoscombe Year 6 pupils were fantastic ambassadors for our school when they joined a live Google Link Up video conference with our Erasmus partner school Arden Skole in Denmark last week. There were some technical difficulties with the link at first, but thanks to amazing technical support from our teaching student Miss Langley, our pupils were able to chat with Arden 5th Grade pupils (equivalent to our Year 6). They discussed work they had been doing in class and shared information such as talking about their favourite sports, and family pets. Our pupils were impressed that the Danish pupils were speaking such fantastic English!

All our Year 6 pupils are all looking forward to their forthcoming visits to Erasmus partner schools (in Barcelona and Denmark) in the next few months.



Sophie Hampton

Following the initial consultation on the proposal to close Camerton Church School, on 6 December 2017 Bath and North East Somerset Council Cabinet decided to proceed to the next stage of the process and to publish a statutory notice and full proposal proposing the closure of the school. This will allow a second consultation to run, called the Representation Period, for four weeks from Wednesday 7 February to 23.00 on Tuesday 6 March 2018, during which anyone will be able to object to, support or comment on the proposal. Following the end of the Representation Period, at the Cabinet meeting on 11 April 2018 the Cabinet will consider all responses received and the rationale behind the proposed closure and decide whether to go ahead with the proposal. If the decision is made to proceed, the school would close on 31 August 2018. Copies of the statutory notice and full proposal will be made available to all parents within the Church Valley Schools Federation on the 7 February. Ruth Noall - Headteacher

One hundred years of women's suffrage
- February 6th 2018

On 6th February 1918 The Representation of the People Act passed in Parliament. This gave women over the age of 30 who owned property, as well as all men over the age of 21, the right to vote. This enfranchised 8 million women. If you have any family stories, photos or other memorabilia linked to women's suffrage we would love to hear from you. We will be marking the day through writing projects and class discussions across the Federation and if we can make any personal history links it would greatly enhance the day for our children.



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour



Would you like to know more about your child's development? Do you understand your child's behaviour? Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age? Do you know why children have temper tantrums? These sessions are for parents and carers who want to know more about parenting, how children develop and to understand children's behaviour better.

10 weeks of FREE sessions for parents/carers of children with additional needs.

Thursday 19th April - 28th June 2018

No course in school holidays

**Bath Carer's Centre,
The Woodlands,
Lower Bristol Road,
Bath
BA2 9ES
10am – 12pm**

**Call Freephone 0800 0388 885 or email
info@banescarerscentre.org.uk, to
book your place
Funded by the wellbeing college.**

Celebration Assembly! – Congratulations to all children in their achievements and gaining certificates!



Well Done!