

# Shoscombe C of E Primary School

*Inspiring every child to shine*



Newsletter 1  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Welcome back ☺

A warm welcome to all our families. We are welcoming 14 new children into Reception and also a few other families in older year groups – I look forward to meeting you all and I hope the children settle in quickly to their class and new surroundings. We have also welcomed Mrs Phillips, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Pudsey to the staff team. It is wonderful to see all our children in their smart uniform, full of smiles as they go into their new year-groups and I am very excited about the year ahead here at Shoscombe Church School.

This week's newsletter has a lot of important information and dates so please read it carefully and put a copy on the fridge door!

### Vision and Values

After much consultation last summer we have reviewed and renewed our vision and values.

### *Inspiring Every Child to Shine*

We inspire and nurture our children to discover their unique potential. Individuals will shine with self-belief and go into the world with the determination and resilience to follow their dreams.

Christian values are at the heart of all that we do and underpin our vision.

Our Core Values are:

**Joy, creativity & wonder, empathy, respect, resilience and aspiration**

### Class Dojo

We are very excited to announce that we will be launching Class Dojo app across the school. This is an app that allows quick and easy communication between teachers and parents and has a similar interface to Facebook. You will be sent a letter with your unique log-in details – please do this as soon as possible. The FOSSA Facebook page will close and this will be used in its place. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Class Volunteers – Induction

All parent volunteers are being asked to attend an induction next Tuesday at 9am in the hall. This is to ensure all volunteers have read the relevant policies and all checks have taken place. If you cannot attend but wish to volunteer please contact Mrs Rorison.

### Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3:20pm – 4:00pm

Parents will be sent an information letter next week detailing all that you need to know about the year ahead. Following on from this letter, parents are invited to pop into school at the end of the day on Wednesday to meet the teachers. This will be an opportunity to put a name to a face and to ask any questions that you may have.

These will be informal and no appointment is necessary so that you can meet more than one teacher. Our SENCO, Mrs Tania Rorison, will also be available if you feel you would like to talk to her or wish to arrange an appointment to discuss specific SEND issues you may have. Our library will be officially opened on the same day and parents are invited to pop in and take a look around. You will also be able to view the plans for our revamped Early Years outside area which will be on display in the hall.

### Class Assemblies and Collective Worship

This year every class will lead two assemblies – one will be a prayer service and one will be to share learning. Parents will be invited to the sharing assembly – dates to follow next week. All assemblies are now at 2:45pm.

### **Our Core Value this term is: Creativity and Wonder**

Rich, stimulating and varied learning experiences - *Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Isaiah 64:8*

### Upcoming Events

8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Shoscombe Village Day

11<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am – volunteer induction meeting in the hall

12<sup>th</sup> Sept 1pm – Laura James opening library and workshop

12<sup>th</sup> Sept 3:20-4:00pm – meet the teacher drop-in event

21<sup>st</sup> Sept – swimming starts (Y6)

24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Work starts on the new EYFS outside area

27<sup>th</sup> Sept – Egg Theatre trip Beech Class

1<sup>st</sup> October – CORE VALUES WEEK

1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Y4, 5, 6 visit Bath Literacy Festival

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – School without Walls in Beech class

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – FOSSA welcome at The Apple Tree

4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Beech Class Slam Poetry event in the day plus workshop for ALL parents and staff after school (crèche provided)

5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Core Values Sharing Assembly and Poetry performance

9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm – Harvest service and tea

18<sup>th</sup> Oct 7:30pm – FOSSA AGM

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 3pm – Foxcote Church Harvest Service

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct (all week) – exhibition of work in the hall

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Parents' Evening

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Y4, 5, 6 trip to Swindon

25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents' Evening

### Tours for Reception places 2019

Tours of the school are on:

2<sup>nd</sup> October @ 9:30am

23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 9:30am

20<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am

4<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:30am

15<sup>th</sup> January @ 9:30am

Attendance this week: 97.4% The class with the best attendance is Rec/Yr1 and Year 6 100%

[www.shoscombe.bathnes.sch.uk](http://www.shoscombe.bathnes.sch.uk)

### Official Library Opening

Next Wednesday afternoon our library will be officially opened by author Laura James. The library was restocked with many brilliant books thanks to the FOSSA donation of £6000. Over the summer term the books have been catalogued and the library has had a smart facelift over the holidays too. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this improvement. ☺ In the afternoon Laura James will be running a workshop with Years 1, 2 and 3. Laura's books will also be for sale during the day – if these children wish to have their book signed by Laura they must bring their money to school (£5.99 per book). Books will be available look at from Monday next week and will be on sale at other times too (but won't be signed). Laura will 'open' the library at 1:45pm and parents are invited to come and look around the library after school as part of our 'drop-in' meet the teacher event. Years 4, 5 and 6 children are taking part in the Bath Literature Festival over the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October. For more information on Laura James visit <http://laurajamesauthor.com/fun.html>

### Clubs

A letter was sent home at the end of last term with all the information you need about sports clubs. If you did not receive this please contact the school office. Teachers will be in touch soon with offers of lunchtime and after school clubs they will be running so watch out for letters. Allotment club is always looking for new members – please contact the office for more information.



(I hear this is the time of year for manure spreading!)

### FOSSA Update

FOSSA (Friends of Shoscombe School Association) is hoping to have a relaunch this year. Over the years the parents and friends who have run and supported FOSSA have helped raised many thousands of pounds for the children of the school. Just in the short time that I have been here FOSSA have funded the new library (£6000), helped to top-up the reading scheme (£700), helped to buy new maths resources (£1000) and given each class £250 to spend on classroom resources. I met with some current FOSSA representatives this morning and we all agree that we need to set up a renewed constitution and elect a new chair, secretary and treasurer. In addition, we need an army of volunteers to help with events throughout the year. For this you can volunteer as much or as little time as you can – every little bit helps over the year. There is an informal meeting for anyone who would like to know more on **TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 8pm @ The Apple Tree, Shoscombe**. Don't worry – you won't be asked to sign up to anything on the night and no commitments need to be made!

In order to bring about a new team, we have decided to bring forward the **AGM to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm** at Shoscombe School. Everyone is welcome.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Sponsored Walk – the last day of term, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 1pm.**

### School Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

<b>TERM 1</b> Start: Monday, 3 September 2018 Finish: Friday, 26 October 2018	<b>TERM 2</b> Start: Monday, 05 November 2018 Finish: Friday, 21 December 2018
<b>TERM 3</b> Start: Monday, 07 January 2019 Finish: Friday, 15 February 2019	<b>TERM 4</b> Start: Monday, 25 February 2019 Finish: Friday, 05 April 2019
<b>TERM 5</b> Start: Tuesday, 23 April 2019 Finish: Friday, 24 May 2019	<b>TERM 6</b> Start: Monday, 03 June 2019 Finish: Tuesday, 23 July 2019
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:</b> 25 December 2018 – Christmas Day 26 December 2018 – Boxing Day 01 January 2019 – New Year's Holiday 19 April 2019 – Good Friday 22 April 2019 – Easter Monday 06 May 2019 – May Day Bank Holiday 27 May 2019 – Spring Bank Holiday	<b>INSET DAYS 2018/19:</b> Inset day 1 – Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Inset day 2 – Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 Inset day 3 – Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 Inset day 4 – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019 Inset day 5 – Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019



**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

Can you help with some large gardening jobs at Shoscombe School?

We have some jobs around school for which we need an army of volunteers to help.

We need to:

- Remove two planters (they will be replaced after the new play area in Early Years is complete)
  - To help treat the willow where wasps have taken hold
    - Weed the performance garden
  - Restore life to the playground benches

If you are available to help, our first 'Big Dig' will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 1pm. Please bring your own tools. We can provide some bacon rolls and tea and coffee.

Please speak to Sally or email the office if you think you can help for all or some of the day. Thank you

