

Shoscombe C of E Primary School

Inspiring every child to shine



Newsletter 3
5th October 2018

Celebrating 'Creativity and Wonder'

As one of our Core Values, 'Creativity and Wonder' runs through our whole curriculum and also through our expectations for how children approach learning. But this week we have had an extra special week to focus on this value – and what a week we've had! Oak Class have been exploring Super Vegetables in work linked to their book and topic. They produced stunning paintings of their own Vegetable hero.



Chestnut Class children have spent time 'wondering why...?' and also produced cave paintings in forest school. They made their own paint from berries, paintbrushes from elder twigs and pencils from charcoal in the fire.

Beech Class have combined our value week with a 'Schools Without Walls' project, working with Rebecca T Antony to produce poetry about themselves and to build on their understanding of our values of empathy and respect. They have visited the Egg Theatre once and the Guildhall twice, also taking part in the poetry slam. Well done to Annie and Ben for representing Shoscombe School on stage with their poems. 'Schools without Walls' is a project run in collaboration with the Egg Theatre and 5x5x5 Creativity and is supported by the Arts Council England. There are only 12 schools in BANES involved in 'Schools Without Walls' so this is a huge privilege for us. Those adults who supported the after-school workshop with Rebecca gained an insight into how our children have created poems, whilst also creating poems of our own.

Sycamore Class have been 'wondering why...?' through poetry in class and as part of their home learning have been producing immaculate models of Anderson shelters.



I am very proud of the creativity shown by our children this week. It has been a joy to see how this special week has also helped developed the other core values in our children – resilience, aspiration, joy, empathy and respect in abundance. Thank you to all our staff who have helped make this week of activities possible for our children.

Upcoming Events

- 8th Oct – flu vaccinations
- 9th Oct 2pm – Harvest Tea
- 15th Oct – Sycamore class assembly
- 18th Oct 7:30pm – FOSSA AGM
- 21st Oct – Foxcote Harvest Service
- 22nd Oct (all week) – exhibition of work in the hall
- 23rd Oct – Y4, 5, 6 trip to Swindon
- 24th and 25th Oct – Parents' Evening
- 26th October – sponsored walk and end of term 1
- 8th-9th Nov – Sycamore class sleepover
- w/c 12th Nov – Anti-bullying week
- 16th Nov – Children in Need
- 19th Nov, 3:30pm – drop in workshop for parents of Beech class run by school nurse
- 27th Nov – Chestnut Class performance in The Egg
- 3rd Dec – Christmas Art Day
- 8th Dec – Christmas Fayre
- 9th Dec – Foxcote Church Service
- 10th Dec – Beech class carols for the community
- 12th Dec – Oak class nativity (am)
- 13th Dec – Oak class nativity (pm)
- 14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st Dec – end of term cinema trip

Tours for Reception places 2019

Tours of the school are on:
23rd October @ 9:30am
20th November @ 9:30am
4th December @ 9:30am
15th January @ 9:30am
Other dates and times available upon request.

Harvest Festival is Tuesday afternoon, 2pm, next week – children are invited to bring donations for Somer Valley Food Bank. Children will spend the morning cooking a harvest tea which will then be served to you while we sing our harvest songs. This is a very popular traditional event at Shoscombe and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to support your children and the Food Bank. On the 21st October Foxcote Church are holding their Great Big Harvest Service. Our newly formed choir is asked to take part. More information to follow.

Class Assemblies and Collective Worship

Monday 15th October 2:45pm – Sycamore Class assembly
Our Core Value this term is: Creativity and Wonder

Attendance this week: 95.7% The class with the best attendance is Oak 97 %

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Headlice

Please check your children's hair regularly as headlice spread quickly and easily in a school environment. Using a nit comb while conditioner is in wet hair is a good preventative measure. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 7 applications – a message from BANES

BANES would like all Year 6 parents to know that they have a new system whereby parents must select 5 choices when applying for a Year 7 place at secondary school. They have produced a short film for parents to explain why this is important and how it will increase your chances of securing a place at a school of your choice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9n2MTnQVcA&feature=youtu.be>

A message from the new Chair of Governors - Tom Benyon

I am very happy to have been appointed the Chair of Governors for the Federation.

A bit about me - I am the curate serving our local three churches (The St J's Groups). I have been a governor for the Federation for the past three years, chairing the Standards and Achievements committee and have three children at St Julian's. I imagine your children will know me best for taking their church assembly on Tuesdays (alongside Scruffy the puppet).

Both schools are in a really good place at the moment. Even the briefest of visits during the day shows that there is so much going on: we're only into week four and the displays look fantastic; classrooms are abuzz with activity and crucially our children are safe and happy learners. Much of this is down to our dedicated and creative staff, to whom we on the Governing body are extremely grateful!

Speaking of governors, we are currently on the lookout for some new people to join our excellent governing body. This is a great and rewarding way to support the schools to flourish and play a part in shaping their direction. If this is something you think you might like to do, or indeed if you want to find out a little bit more, then please do contact the school offices, or me at tom.benyon@cvsf.co.uk

Outdoor play area – almost finished!

Oak Class (and at times Chestnut Class) are thoroughly enjoying their new play equipment and free-flow learning area. We have a small space that now needs to be landscaped with areas for veggie planting and bark chip. Is this something you could help with? We have some materials left over from the build which we are hoping to incorporate into this gardening area.

Please let Mrs Noall, Mrs Kettle or Mrs Hampton know if you have time or expertise you could offer.



Free School Meals in Bath & North East Somerset

Are your children currently receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals at a school in B&NES?

Are you currently receiving one of the benefits listed below?

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Did you know that if you are, you may qualify your Primary School for £1,320 worth of Pupil Premium Funding.

Please contact The Free School Meal Team on 01225 394317 to check your entitlement. All that is needed is your National Insurance Number and date of birth.



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