

Shoscombe C of E Primary School

Inspiring every child to shine



Newsletter
25th January 2019

Thank you and Well Done

Update on our New Year Resolution

I have been very impressed with the improved attendance and punctuality of all our pupils in the last fortnight. Almost every child has been in school and ready to learn on by 8:45am. This is brilliant! Thank you and well done.

You have increased your learning time by an hour each week. ☺

Breakfast Club & Walking Bus

Please take advantage of our daily walking bus and daily Breakfast Club. If you are not walking your child into school yourself, please consider these two options. They are safer, healthier and more enjoyable than the gate-side drop-off system. Please take great care if you do drop your children off by the gate - recently cars and their drivers have been more focused on the dropping off than on pedestrians walking towards them.

Upcoming Events

5th Feb – Maths Café 9am–11am

18th – 22nd Feb: half term

5th March – Pancake races

7th March: World Book Day events (details to follow)

11th – 15th March: Science Week (details to follow)

28th March: 2pm Whole School Music Concert

29th March: Mother's Day Lunch (12:00 – 1:15)

31st March – 3rd April: Erasmus trip to France

2nd April: Dance Umbrella

4th April: Easter Service (am)

5th April: Easter Walk and Egg Hunt with St Julian's

5th April: End of term

NB Parents' Evenings will be held on 24th and 25th April.

Class Sharing Assemblies

2:45pm

Parents welcome
6th Feb – Beech Class

Reporting to parents

This year we will be sending school reports home in the summer term. Parents' Evenings are at the end of April.

Food Bank Vouchers

are available at school.
Please speak to Mrs Noall.

MATHS CAFÉ - Open to all - Tuesday 5th February 9am - 11am

We warmly invite you to school to find out more about how we teach mathematics and to join your children in class to share in their learning. On 5th February Mrs Phillips will lead a short presentation about our Maths Curriculum and how we teach various strategies and concepts. You will then have up to two opportunities to share learning with your children in class: 9:45-10:15 and 10:30-11:00, with a chance for coffee, biscuits and questions during break. The second slot is primarily for parents with more than one child at the school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Pupil Voice at Shoscombe

We have three main groups at Shoscombe who work hard to hear and be a strong and effective pupil voice. We have the school parliament, a group of Year 6 pupils who are elected by the whole school every May. We have House Captains who are chosen by the children in their house each September. We also have the EE-Team (Equalities and Ethos Team), a group of children who apply to Mrs Noall to be on the team. This week the EE-Team would like to introduce themselves to you and tell you a little about what they do for the children in our school.

The EE Team

We are the EE-team; Equality and Ethos team.

The people in the EE-team are Izzy, Tilly, Zara, Maddie, Ben, Isla, Annie and Loula.

We give out certificates every week to people who we have seen being kind and looking out for people.

If you have a problem, come to the people wearing a rainbow badge.

Here in the EE-Team we try to make sure everyone feels welcome, safe and happy at our school.

If you talk to us we will keep it private.

Don't keep it inside talk to us!

Attendance to date: 95.4% The class with the best attendance is 95.7%

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Curriculum Update

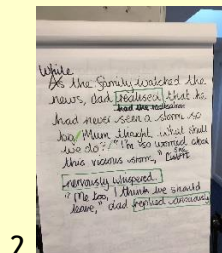
This term we would like to use our fortnightly newsletter to bring you some curriculum updates. This week Mrs Rorison would like to tell you about the exciting changes we have been making to how we teach writing at Shoscombe.

Introducing “The Write Stuff”

We began to introduce a new approach to writing “The Write Stuff” in July 2018 and we are now keen to announce that since Christmas all classes have now adopted this approach.



The approach is introduced through the Fantastic's. You may have heard your children talking about the Fantastic's - which is an acronym that summarises the key lenses through which you can look. Above you can see the children in Oak class role playing what it would feel (F in fantastic) like to set sail in Scott of the Antarctic's ship and then using the asking (A in fantastic) questions about the voyage.



There are 3 parts to the lesson:

1. Initiate - where a stimulus is given. The children in year 6 were excited by the unexpected gorilla that visited their class this week. The visit stimulated some superb writing. Can you spot the gorilla?
2. Model - the teacher models a sentence that outlines clear writing features and techniques. Chestnut have been using Flood, a picture book, as the stimulus for their learning.
3. Lastly, Enable section - the children write their sentence, following the model.



Finally, the children plan and write their own writing.

The impact on our children's writing is already clear through their improved vocabulary and sentence structures. Please ask to see your child's book if you want to find out more. 😊

Bad Weather and School Closure

In the event of the school needing to close due to adverse and unsafe weather conditions we will use the following to let you know:

- Text message from school
- Message on School Dojo
- The BANES school closure website (<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures>)

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly, however if we need to close then we will let you know as soon as possible.