

# Shoscombe Church School

*Inspiring everyone to shine*



**Shoscombe**  
Church School

Newsletter  
1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## Upcoming Events

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – Pancake races  
**6<sup>th</sup> March (6m)** – Speak out competition  
**7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day, including bedtime stories  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week, including the Planetarium on Friday  
**15<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day  
**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Running Man visiting school  
**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Writing Café for parents  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Litter picking  
**28<sup>th</sup> March:** Whole School Music Concert  
**29<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day Lunch (lunchtime)  
**31<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Erasmus trip to France  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Dance Umbrella  
**4<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Service (am) followed by Easter Bonnet Competition and Egg Rolling  
**5<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Walk and Egg Hunt with St Julian's  
**5<sup>th</sup> April:** End of term  
**NB Parents' Evenings will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Food Bank Vouchers

are available at school.  
Please speak to Mrs Noall.

## Welcome back to Term 4

The term has started very well and I have been very impressed with the learning attitudes of all our children as I walk around school.

This is a very busy term with lots going on - please check Dojo regularly for updates. Our new toddler group started this week and was a roaring success. Next week most children will complete some informal assessments in class - this helps us to see how well the children have learnt to date and what more we need to cover in the coming few months. Next week is also World Book Day and we can't wait to see all your book character costumes and to discover your favourite books. Remember that we will have a book stall open in the hall while children take part in our bedtime stories in class. Please encourage your child to take part in the Readathon which is raising money for Read for Good. Our updated and revamped website is almost ready to go live. Our aim is that this will be a useful point of information for parents with everything you need to know to support your children and the school. Please remember that you can contact me or class teachers via Class Dojo if you have any questions or queries.

## Staffing update

We are delighted to announce that we have been able to offer Mrs Phillips a permanent role at Shoscombe. Mrs Phillips joined us in September as a secondment from Longvernal. She has made a fantastic impact at our school both as a class teacher and a lead on maths for the school and we are very excited that she will now be staying with us.

We will have Rev. Adam Pitt with us in school next week and the week after as part of his training with the Diocese. Please feel free to say Hello if you see Rev. Pitt around school.

## Road Closure

Please be aware that Single Hill will be closed on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March while True Speed install wifi at the Village Hall.

We will run Walking Bus as normal before school - the car park will continue to be accessible from the top of the road. All cars that drop off at school will need to continue at the cross roads onto The Gullen and will not be able to drive up Barn Hill/Single Hill. We recommend that as many parents as possible use the Village Hall carpark both before and after school, making use of the Walking Bus before school and walking with your children after school.

## Writing Café for parents: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 9am

Please come along to find out how we are using Write Stuff to teach writing in school, how you can support at home and what the age-related expectations are for your children.

Attendance year to date: 95.4% The class with the best attendance is Sycamore 95.9 %

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

**Breakfast Club**  
**7:45am-8:45am**



**NEW! Sibling offer: for each additional child you can take £1 off the normal price.**

**Shoscombe Seedlings**

Baby and Toddler Group @ Shoscombe School

**Wednesdays 9:15-11:00**

Age 0-4  
All welcome!

Come along for a cuppa and a chat while your child has the chance to play and explore our activities and make new friends.

**Next week: cooking bread 😊**

**World Book Day - all you need to know...**

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring a book to share with other children in their class
- 5pm – bedtime stories. Children may come back to school dressed in pyjamas and slippers to be read bedtime stories by the teachers
- Book sale in the hall while children are listening to their bedtime story

**British Science Week - all you need to know...**

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday: Performance highlighting problem of plastic pollution
- Tuesday: Visit from Wessex Water
- All week: investigations and experiments linked to water
- Friday: Planetarium shows all day
- Friday: Year 6 visit Bath Taps

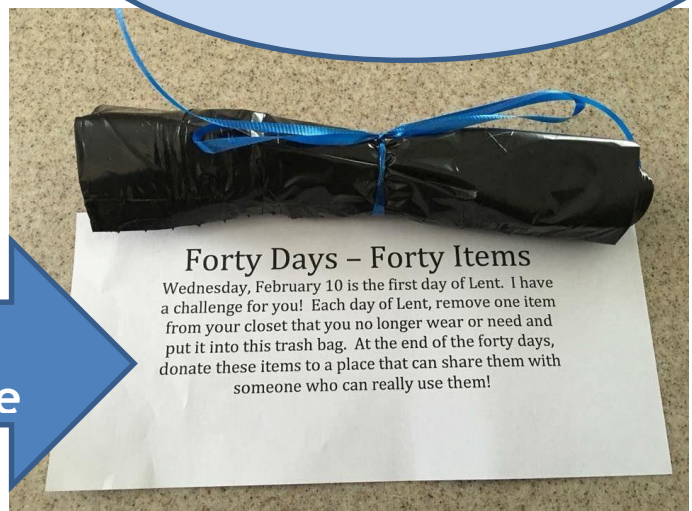


For Red Nose Day 2019 children are invited to wear Red for the day for a donation of 50p-£1. Children are also asked to bring any spare change to school to create a penny trail.

**An idea for Lent 2019 that supports our Erasmus theme**

**Forty Days – Forty Items**

Wednesday, February 10 is the first day of Lent. I have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into this trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them!



## Curriculum Update - E-Safety

Keeping children safe on-line is an ever present challenge, not least because technology is progressing quicker than we can keep up with.

If your children play on-line games or have access to the internet through any device you need to make sure that you are regularly talking to your child about how to stay safe online. By this we mean staying safe from strangers, vile and unhealthy "games", but also bullying from other children – many of whom are actually your child's friend at school. We are hoping to run a parent information meeting on this soon – please let us know if this would be of interest to you. In the meantime these websites and poster may be helpful for you and your child:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

