

Shoscombe Church School

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Shoscombe
Church School

Newsletter
14th June 2019

Summer Time!

Upcoming Events

18th June 9am: Parent Forum
in school hall

19th June 1:30-2:15: new
reception stay and play 3

19th June: Year 6 Pilgrim Day
in Wells

24th June: Art & Creativity
Week, including:

Monday – whole school trip
to Forest of Imagination

26th June: Sycamore class
assembly

1st July: Yr 3/4 Poetry Slam
6.00 p.m.

3rd July 6pm: New reception
parent meeting

4th July – Shuffle Up Day for
Year 6-Year 7

5th – 8th July: Y6 Camp

8th July: Shuffle Up Day for
Years 1-5

9th July: Sports Day

15th July: reports home

16th July: Beech and
Sycamore Egg Show

18th July: Leavers' service

19th July: End of term

Open Tours for 2020 starters

21st June & 4th July

Dojo House Points

Last term's winning house
was Brokerswood.

Children love to earn
Dojos and on average
each house earns 250 a
week! Well done
everyone - keep up the
hard work. 😊

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. This is always a busy term with sports days, end of year services, Arts & Creativity week, Year 6 residential and transition days. Please don't hesitate to ask in the office if you need more information about any of these events or other events this term. Thank you for the responses to our parent questionnaire - the results are shared with this newsletter. We are really proud to see how happy the majority of our parents are at Shoscombe. Your suggestions and comments are really useful and will help inform the school development plan for 2019-2020. We are striving for 100%! Thank you for taking the time to complete these.

Staffing and Classes for 2019-2020

With the opening of the nursery class in September, our classes next year will be structured as follows:

Oak Class with Acorns (Reception and Nursery): Mrs Wheeler supported by Mrs Samways

Chestnut Class (Year 1 and Year 2): Mrs Phillips supported by Mrs Curtis and Mrs Taylor

Beech Class (Year 3 and Year 4): Mrs Rorison supported by Mrs Harries, Mrs Burge and Mrs Violante

Sycamore Class (Year 5 and Year 6): Ms Coleman (Mon, Tue, Wed) and Mrs Pudsey (Wed, Thur, Fri) supported by Mr Solly and Mrs Horn

Mrs Hampton has decided to reduce her working hours next year and will be part time from September. She will be an out-of-class specialist SEN and support teacher, supporting individuals and small groups of children with English, maths and phonics. She will also provide specialist art, language and RE lessons. Being able to provide a specialist teacher in this way is very exciting and she is delighted to be able to offer her expertise in this new role. Mrs Rorison will continue to be Assistant Head and the lead SENCO. As you will know, schools across the country are being forced to face difficult financial decisions due to central government funds. This is affecting every school. Unfortunately for us this means that we will be saying good-bye to Mrs Sarah Dore, one of our teaching assistants and dinner ladies. She has been an asset to the school and we are all very sad to see her go. However, through careful reallocation of our teaching assistants' hours and support from the MAT we are ensuring that our children will continue to be expertly supported with TWO teaching assistants in classes – one who will be there to help, support and encourage all children and one who will be there specifically to support those children with specific needs. It is extremely rare that schools can afford to do this and we are delighted that we have been able to make this provision in order to continue to provide expert support for all children whatever their starting points. We continue to be very grateful to projects like Erasmus, School without Walls and support from FoSSA who help us provide our wide range of enrichment activities.

Attendance to date 95.7%: The class with the best attendance is Sycamore 96.1%

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Father's Day Lunch.

It was lovely to see so many dads, grandads and uncles at lunch today - thank you for coming and bringing a little bit of sunshine with you too!



Collective Worship in Term 6

Our Core value this term is resilience. We will use our Collective Worship times to reflect on how God can help us when we feel like giving up. The theme of our church assemblies will be 'I get knocked down...but I get up again', looking at the bible stories of Paul, Joseph and Peter. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Adam Pitt to our Church assemblies. He is a parent at St Julian's and a curate at St Barnabus Church in Bath. The 'Open the Book' team continues to join us on alternate Thursdays for Collective Worship. The class assembly this term is Sycamore Class on 26th June @ 2:45pm, parents welcome.

Curriculum Updates

Computing

This term our children are making full use of Purple Mash - an online resource to support learning in computing and other subjects. Your child should have been given their personal log in details so that they can access home learning through Purple Mash. Beech and Chestnut Class have been particularly excited by the times table 'games' Purple Mash offers which, I'm told, are "loads better than Times Table Rock Stars". They have also started coding in earnest. To log on at home please go to www.purplemash.com/sch/shoscombe

Play and Lunch times

This week Mrs Rorison and Mr Solly attended the first training session for Opal (Outdoor Play and Learning). FoSSA are helping the school to pay for this exciting programme which will significantly enhance our playtimes and truly exploit the potential our beautiful grounds have to offer. If you would like to find out more please look on the Opal website <http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>
The pupil voice teams are also doing a great job at running the Tuck Shop at breaks this term - snacks from 10p to 50p. This week: £20 profit!

English Heritage, history and The Arts

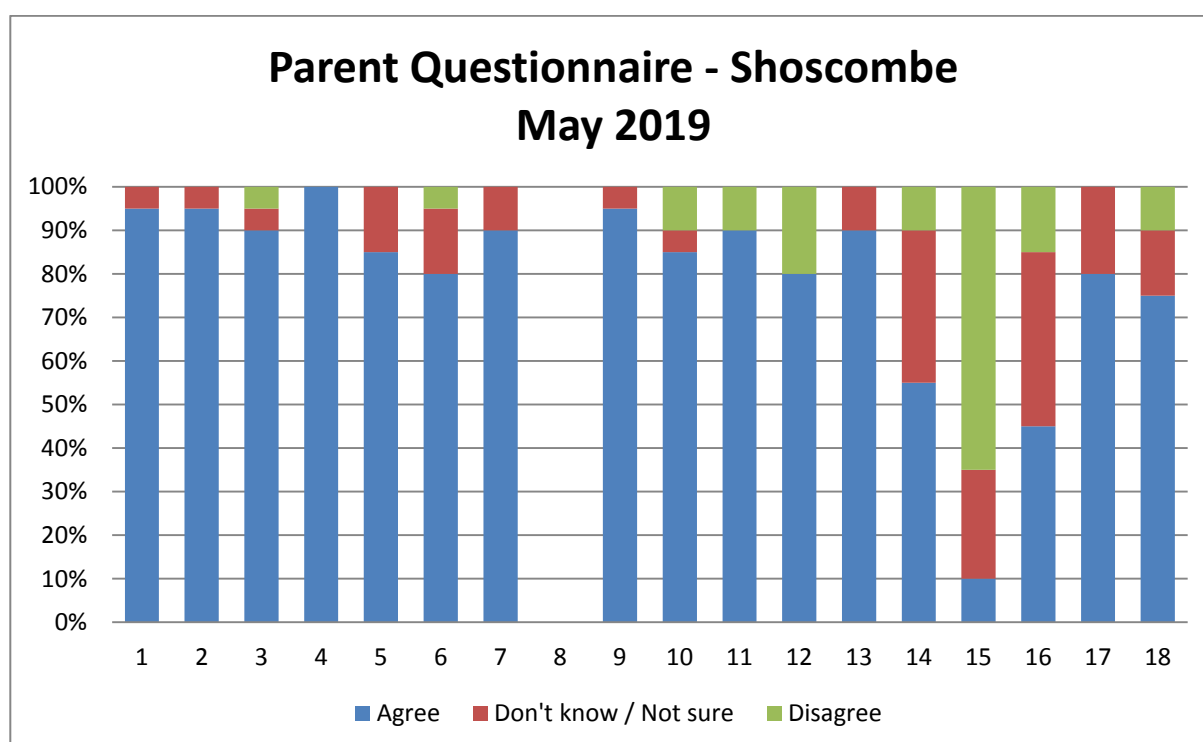
This week we have signed up to work with English Heritage in some very exciting local history projects in 2019-20. English Heritage will help teachers to plan and deliver bespoke history topics that will help our children to explore Shoscombe, Bath and Bristol to learn about our heritage and discover the impact of world events on our area. For Beech Class this will link to their Egg Theatre Project where the class will be visiting and learning at The Egg 3 days a week throughout Term 2. This is called the 'Hard Burn' and is an opportunity for children to learn outside the classroom, making links and thinking creatively. It is the first time Shoscombe has opted for this project and we are very excited about all the possibilities it will open up for our children.

This term Beech and Sycamore Class are very busy preparing their lines, songs and dances for their play next month at The Egg. We have two dance teachers coming in weekly to help choreograph the moves - one through the MAT from Norton Hill and Matthew's mum, Sue Jones. The children will also be working with Lizzy Cummins the Egg Theatre's drama teacher: stars are being born!!

Parent Questionnaire May 2019 – The Results

20 questionnaires were returned out of 67 families giving a 30% return.
This means that 5% represents one response.

| | | Agree % | Don't know/ Not sure % | Disagree % |
|----|--|---------|---------------------------|------------|
| 1 | My child is happy at school | 95 | 5 | 0 |
| 2 | My child feels safe at school | 95 | 5 | 0 |
| 3 | My child makes good progress at school | 90 | 5 | 5 |
| 4 | The school expects my child to work hard and do their best | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | My child is well looked after at school | 85 | 15 | 0 |
| 6 | My child receives appropriate home learning opportunities | 80 | 15 | 5 |
| 7 | The school ensures children are well behaved | 90 | 10 | 0 |
| 8 | The school deals effectively with bullying (leave blank if you have had no experience of this within our school) | 2 / 6 | 3 / 6 | 1 / 6 |
| 9 | The school is well led and managed | 95 | 5 | 0 |
| 10 | I am kept well up-to-date and informed about what is going on at school | 85 | 5 | 10 |
| 11 | I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem | 90 | 0 | 10 |
| 12 | I receive valuable and regular information from the school about my child's progress | 80 | 0 | 20 |
| 13 | I have opportunities to talk to staff about my child | 90 | 10 | 0 |
| 14 | I know about the role of the governing body and how governors support the school | 55 | 35 | 10 |
| 15 | I would consider standing for election to the governing body | 10 | 25 | 65 |
| 16 | I know about the role of the Multiple Academy Trust and how the CEO and Trustees support the school | 45 | 40 | 15 |
| 17 | I would recommend the school to another parent | 80 | 20 | 0 |
| 18 | I am always made to feel welcome at Shoscombe | 75 | 15 | 10 |



Arts and Creativity Week 2019

We are all looking forward to our forthcoming Arts and Creativity week. There are a number of exciting activities and events planned.

On Monday 24th June, thanks to generous support from FOSSA, the whole school will be visiting The Forest of the Imagination at The Holborne Museum in Sydney Gardens, Bath. Each class will take part in a different pre-booked art workshop, and then we will all have a picnic in the park .

Once again we are pleased to welcome Edwina Bridgeman as our artist in residence at school. She will work with small mixed age groups during the week to create an installation in the school chancel, linked to our Erasmus theme, 'respect-reuse-recycle'.

Musician Stephen Sykes be visiting to give a demonstration of brass instruments to each class. Mrs Adam will be running African drumming sessions.

In addition to all this, teachers have planned a variety of creative activities in their own class such as cross stitch, making a pom-pom blanket, paper mâché bowl making, ecobrick sculpture and printing. For Beech and Sycamore there will also be rehearsal and dance practices for their forthcoming Egg Theatre performance.

Clean Air Day, 20th June 2019

Did you know that Bath has particularly high levels of air pollution - caused by motor vehicles - which can make asthma and other heart and lung problems worse?

Our Walking Bus is a brilliant way in which we help to reduce pollution near our school. If you don't normally use the Walking Bus why not try it on Clean Air Day?

You might also be interested in the Clean Air Day pop-up event on 20th June at Kingsmead Square (11-6pm) for lots of information and demonstrations on how to get around Bath & North East Somerset in clean, green ways. For more information: www.bathnes.gov.uk/cleanair4bathnes



Opportunity for those children who play a string instrument...

Sunday 23rd June

The postponed 'Strange Creatures' workshop will run on Sunday 23rd June. String players of all levels can join us for half a day or come to both morning and afternoon sessions. We will be working on music from the Animal Kingdom, including movements from Saint-Saens 'Carnival of the Animals'.

Times: 9.45am - 12.45pm & 1.30pm - 4.15pm

Venue: Widcombe Junior School

Fees: £22 for half day, £38 for full day. Discounts & Bursaries are available.

28th - 30th August 2019

Summer Music Academy 2019 is a three-day course for string players with two strands of participation: General Strings strand (Grade 0 - 8+) and Chamber Music strand (Grade 5 - 8+). As well as our team of regular tutors, we will be joined this year by Morven Bryce, violin (English Chamber Orchestra), Dan Shilladay, viola (Berkeley Ensemble) & Nick Roberts, cello (Coull Quartet). Early booking is advised.

Times: 10am - 4pm

Wraparound Care: 8.30am - 6pm

Venue: Prior Park College, Bath

Fees: from £140 for three days. £50 deposit payable via Eventbrite ticket platform. Balance of fees due by 30th June.

Closing Date: 30th June

Bookings: www.bathstringsacademy.org<<http://www.bathstringsacademy.org>>