

# Shoscombe Church School

Inspiring everyone to shine

Newsletter  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2019



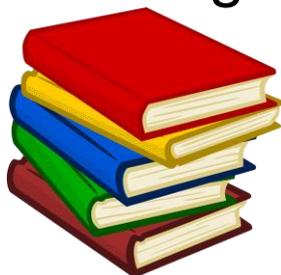
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## Upcoming Events

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – FoSSA Santa dash  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas  
Craft Club  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec – swimming gala  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2020 tour  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas Carol  
Service, 2pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fayre,  
10:00-12:00  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa Lucia service at  
Foxcote Church  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec – nativity dress  
rehearsal for the school (am)  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec – nativity, 9.30am in  
school  
**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Share our Learning,  
9:15am (e-safety focus)  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas dinner  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – nativity 6pm at  
Foxcote church  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec – theatre trip for Y1-Y6,  
2pm-4:45pm. Oak Class treat at  
school.  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 members of  
Choir singing carols in the Pump  
Rooms in Bath

## Reading Challenge

Keep  
reading!



## Advent starts on Sunday

Quite unbelievably we are heading into the second half of this term and the countdown to Christmas. School life in December is always as busy as ever so please check you have all the key dates in your diary. Whilst it is easy to get swept up in the business of Christmas preparations, we will also be taking time to reflect on why we celebrate Christmas and how we can be thinking of others at this time of year. We will once again hold a 'reverse' advent calendar where children are asked to bring donations for Food Bank into school. Attached is a 24 Days of Advent suggested items your child could donate. In keeping with our Erasmus project 'respect-reuse-recycle' we are suggesting that children donate to Food Bank instead of bringing Christmas cards to school or that any cards they children do send are made from recycled materials.

## E-Safety Workshop and Cafe

Our 'share our learning' event this term will have an e-safety theme. We are aiming to help guide and support parents in an area that can often feel quite daunting and ever-changing. Parents are invited to the hall for a short presentation by Mrs Pudsey, our computing lead, followed by time in class with your children to explore some of the resources we use to teach children how to stay safe online. We have changed the date of this and it will now be held on

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am.**

## Vacancies at Shoscombe

We are currently advertising for an **apprentice teaching assistant** and an **apprentice office administrator**. Please follow these links for more information about the role and how to apply.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-486794>

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-486799>

## Tuck Shop

Our pupil-led tuck shop is up and running again. Healthy break time snacks are available every day and prices range from 10p to 50p. If your child is bringing a snack from home please ensure that it is a healthy snack - **no chocolate bars, crisps or sweets please.**

Attendance to date: 96.6% The class with the best attendance Chestnut 98.3%

[www.shoscombeprimary.co.uk](http://www.shoscombeprimary.co.uk)

## After School Club

Our new after-school club is doing well but could do with some more members! Please remember that although run by Premier Sports, the activities on offer will be tailored to suit the children in attendance. The feedback so far has been really positive so please try it!

Book [online here](#).

## Free School Meals - please register if you are eligible

Do you think you may be eligible for free school meals? Although all children in Key Stage 1 are given a free school meal each day, some families are eligible to apply for additional funds which the school can use to support their child in the classroom. This is called the Pupil Premium Grant and amounts to £1320 per pupil per year. Even if your circumstances later change, once your child has been in receipt of this funding the school will continue to receive the additional funding for a further 6 years. This funding is very important to schools and allows us to pay for additional teaching assistants in classes to run interventions and support groups. This funding supports children who are eligible for free school meals, but crucially helps **all** children who need additional support as our interventions are inclusive. If you think you may be eligible please complete the easy application. It is important that all families who may be eligible complete this, even if your child is in Key Stage 1. It will make a huge difference to our school and all we are able to offer our children to help them achieve their potential.

If you receive any of these benefits please contact the B&NES free schools meal team or alternatively speak to us in the school office and we can give you a registration form.

- 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 Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please contact the team at [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 394317.

Visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to download and complete a form online

## Vacancy – Clerk to governors Grade 5 SCP 11 £10.97 p/h, casual contract

We have current vacancies for a Clerk to act for the joint Shoscombe and St Julian's Primary School local governing body. For further details or to apply please email [office@shoscombeprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@shoscombeprimary.co.uk)

### **Main purpose of this role:**

Provide advice to the governing body on governance, constitutional and procedural matters. The new regulations require governing bodies to have regard to advice from the clerk in regards to exercising the governing body functions:

- Provide advice to the governing body on governance, constitutional and procedural matters.
- Provide effective administrative support to the governing body and its committees.
- Ensure the governing body is properly constituted.
- Manage information effectively in accordance with legal requirements.

A message from the Director of Public Health:



Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections such as meningitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia. They do not work on viruses, so antibiotics cannot treat infections such as colds and flu. Bacteria are continually adapting to develop new ways of withstanding antibiotic treatment. This is called antibiotic resistance and is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Antibiotic resistance can then spread between different bacteria in our bodies. Antibiotic resistant bacteria can be carried by healthy or ill people and can spread to others. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major factor that causes antibiotic resistance. The more often a person takes antibiotics, the more likely they are to develop antibiotic resistant bacteria in the body. To reduce this risk, it is important that antibiotics are taken only when necessary and that patients follow advice given by the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

There are simple actions you can take to help keep antibiotics working:

- Don't ask for antibiotics if you have a cough or cold. Antibiotics should only be taken for bacterial infections. Many infections get better on their own, without the need for antibiotics. Go to your pharmacist for advice first and they may be able to help with your symptoms.
- If the doctor does prescribe you with antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed; never save them for later and never share them with others.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about antibiotic resistance.

You can also help prevent infections spreading by:

- Using tissues and disposing of them when you sneeze.
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap, especially after you have used a tissue or sneezed into your hand.
- Get the flu vaccine if you or your child is eligible.



*You can find out more and choose a pledge about how you can protect yourself, your family and friends against the spread of antibiotic resistance on the Antibiotic Guardian website (<http://antibioticguardian.com/>).*

*There are several fun educational activities linked to the national curricula to educate children on microbes, infections and antibiotics on the e-Bug website ([www.e-bug.eu](http://www.e-bug.eu)).*





## Reverse Advent Calendar for Food Bank

### Suggestions donations

Custard or UHT milk	Tinned fish	Tinned ham	Packet cake	Jam or marmalade	Toiletries eg toilet paper, shower gel, toothpaste
Tinned vegetables	Tea or coffee	Crisps	Tinned potatoes	Instant mash	Household items eg laundry detergent
Savoury biscuits	Chocolate	Biscuits	Rice	Cooking sauces	Baby Supplies
Cereal	Gravy granules	Long life juice	Pasta	Tinned puddings	Hygiene products

Please NO food containing alcohol or any mince pies.



Please share what you can  
Thank you 😊