

Shoscombe Church School

Inspiring everyone to shine



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Church School

Upcoming Events

January 2020

6th & 7th: INSET days

8th: School starts for children

10th: Swimming starts for Beech Class (every Friday)

10th 9:30am: 2020 new parent tour

20th & 27th – Sycamore Class Star Gazing

28th: Beech Class visit to British museum in London

February 2020

14th: end of Term 3

24th: Term 4 starts

5th 7:30pm: FoSSA meeting

March 2020

8th – 12th: Erasmus visit to Ireland



Happy Christmas!

Newsletter
19th December 2019

Thank you for joining us for each of our festive events this month. Our children have shared their talents with us whilst also helping us to remember the meaning of Christmas. Thank you for your generosity both in your time and efforts with FoSSA events and your kindness with donations at Christingle and for Food Bank. On behalf of everyone at Shoscombe School, I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the new year. School starts for children on **Wednesday 8th January 2020**.

School Communication – important message from the office



Please be aware than from January the school will be sending all messages and communication via Dojo. The school is discontinuing with text messages and parent emails in order to simplify communication and save costs. Parents can contact the school through Dojo or via the school office direct:

01761 432479

office@shoscombeprimary.co.uk

If you do not already have the Dojo app please ask the office for help on how to set this up. It is completely free.

E-Safety Workshop and Café

Thank you to Mrs Pudsey and teachers for the very useful e-safety workshop this week. E-safety is a very important topic where we all need to ensure we are a step ahead of our young people in order to help guide them and keep them safe. Even if your child does not have a device of their own, they are vulnerable on YouTube, computer games and even if they play games on your phone from time to time. If you were unable to make the workshop please look on our website for links to helpful sites for parents.

Clubs next term

There will be no extra-curricular clubs in the first week of next term. We will send a letter to parents in the first week with a list of clubs that will be on offer and how to sign up.

Breakfast Club and After-School club will be running as normal. There is no need to book for Breakfast Club; once registered your children can attend on any day and we charge you retrospectively. Nursery children can attend Breakfast Club. After-School club is run by Premier Sports, who plan and deliver sessions tailored to suit the children in attendance. The feedback so far has been really positive so please try it! You can book [online here](#).

Staffing Updates

We are saying good-bye to Ms Coleman and Mrs Durnell this week. Ms Coleman is going to be spending more time with her family and Mrs Durnell is completing her PGCE. We wish them both well. Our two PGCE students, Miss Palmer-Turk and Mr Williams will be on placement at another school in January and February but we look forward to seeing them again in March. In January we welcome an apprentice to Oak Class, Miss Curtis, and Mrs Adam to Sycamore class each Monday.

Attendance to date: 95.6% The class with the best attendance Oak and Chestnut 97%

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Celebrating Christmas at Shoscombe



Christingle and Santa Lucia



Thank you for sharing this very special service with us.

The hall was packed out with children, friends and family as we learned of the first Christingle and how we can spread God's love today. Your donations for the Children's Society totaled £232.80.

The traditional candle-lit Santa Lucia service at Foxcote church was beautiful. Thank you to our children who took part.



Fun Run and Christmas Fayre



FoSSA has been working very hard this term as always to raise much needed funds for the school. Thank you for supporting these events; the time you give and the money you spend at these events makes a very real difference to the children at Shoscombe School. So far this year FoSSA has raised £1105! Thank you!



Carol Service and Nativity

Last week our Key Stage 2 children shared their musical talents in our Carol service. Thank you for coming and staying to enjoy a mince pie or biscuit.



Key Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity was truly magical this year. Every child shone in this special nativity written by Mrs Phillips and Mrs Wheeler. A massive thank you to Mrs Adam for directing all our music performances this term.



Pantomime and Christmas dinner

We had great fun on Wednesday this week sharing a Christmas meal together. Dolce provided a wonderful spread of festive goodies and we sang Christmas songs as we ate!



This morning all the children in years 1 to 6 set off on our annual whole school Christmas outing. This year our children were treated to Rapunzel at The Egg theatre. Thank you to FoSSA for fully funding this special trip.



Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in school this year so far. We have a regular team of parent volunteers who hear readers, help with forest school, cooking and sewing and support us on school trips. We are also very grateful for those parents and helpers who help us run clubs or will visit for a one-off talk with classes linked to your profession or talents. And of course, thank you to everyone who gives their time and talents to help organize, run and support FoSSA events.

We are very grateful for all that you do and we wish you a very happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back again in 2020!

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 PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please contact the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or call 01225 394317. Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to download and complete a form online