

# Shoscombe Church School

Inspiring everyone to shine



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## Upcoming Events

All events are postponed until further notice.

## Key Workers

If you are a key worker and there is no safe option for your child to be at home then you are able to book a place for your child to attend school. Please email the school office. Please note that all children are attending Shoscombe School which is acting as a hub for St Julian's and Shoscombe children. Children are cared for by staff from both schools.

## Welcome back to Term 5

Newsletter  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Message from Mrs Noall

This was not the start to Term 5 than any of us would have hoped for or envisaged only a few weeks ago and my thoughts and prayers reach out to you all in these ongoing and challenging times. By now the far reaching consequences of this crisis will be directly impacting many of your lives; you will know people who have contracted the virus and you will be mourning for loved ones. You will know front line workers and will hear firsthand accounts of the daily difficulties they face not only in their work lives but once back at home too and the impact that their work is having on their families. For many of us our daily challenge is the loss of normality, routine and freedoms; the loss of social interaction and the comfort that this brings; and a loss of any feelings of control we may have had over our lives and choices. I want to let you know that we are all facing these same emotions and challenges. And while our teachers are working extremely hard to support you with home learning, we also know and understand that some days your priorities will be different. I want to encourage you to let us know how your day is going and to contact myself or your child's class teacher if you need further support. We are constantly talking and reviewing how we can help and support each and every one of you and trying to strike a balance with the work we send home. Thank you for your positive and determined attitude at the start of term to do what is best for your children. We have been overwhelmed with the response in the children's portfolios and we know this is due to your guidance and support at home. Thank you.

### Stars of the Week 😊

#### Sycamore Class

Star of the week: Ollie for his super kind caring of his baby brother.

Achiever of the week: Loula for her amazing writing this week – great vocab!

Value Award of the week: Sophie Rose – resilience with bike riding!

#### Beech Class

Star of the week: Kasper Breadmore – you have worked your socks off this week, you are amazing!

Achiever of the week: Ffion Turner for working hard and completing a great Science experiment.

Value Award of the week: Devlyn Pitney - resilience and aspiration for fantastic writing.

#### Chestnut Class

Star of the week: Alexandra for showing a very mature attitude to home learning & consistently working her socks off throughout the week!

Achiever of the week: Roman Breadmore for amazing sentences in Write Stuff with fabulous choices of vocabulary!

Value Award of the week: Jacob Payton-showing great resilience in his learning particularly working super hard on his number facts.

#### Oak Class

Achiever of the week: Roman – fantastic work across the week!

Value Award of the week: Ivy – resilience, aspiration to her work and always trying her best.

### Helpful links for home learning

Our school website: The Home Learning page and our school class pages  
<https://www.shoscombeprimary.co.uk/our-school/home-learning/>

Dojo help pages

<https://classdojo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/200185365-For-parents>

### Good news stories of the week

Shared by: our staff ☺

In the Noall household Benjy can now ride his bike over ramps, Elise can cross-over whilst skipping and Kezia has learnt how to cook salmon risotto. Mrs Noall has learnt how to knit eyelets for a shawl and Mr Noall has been tackling the garden!

Mrs Rorison has set up a yoga studio at home for her zoom yoga sessions.

Mrs Wheeler and Miss Curtis have been running and this week completed 5km non-stop to raise money for the NHS. Miss Curtis now has the running bug!

Mrs Taylor has learnt how to fix her lawnmower. She has also helped the boys set up a home learning area.

Mrs Horn's hand is making a good recovery. Her boys are keeping busy with walks and Fin has discovered a love for cooking.

Mrs Pudsey and family are feeling very proud of themselves for completing a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle. They have also been enjoying walks and discovered some beautiful bluebells in flower.

Mrs Curtis has made raspberry jam and wild garlic pesto, Matt is learning to play the guitar and her cats Chloe and Charlie love having company at home.

Mr Solly has built a tortoise enclosure for Mr Chips. He has also been practicing his golf in the garden (far away from Mr Chips!)

**Mrs Burge continues to run and has been collecting photographs of all the rainbows she passes.**

Mrs Samways has been busy cooking whilst Cerys is learning the drums and Fin is learning the guitar. Their collie, Ollie went for his first swim of the year in the river.

Mrs Phillips and Quigley are going for lovely walks and noticing all the spring flowers: the cowslips are flowering which made Mrs Phillips smile.

With so much troubling, worrying and upsetting news in our world each day we are inviting YOU and your children to send us your 'good news' stories. We will include as many as possible.



@BathnesL (@BathnesL) Tweeted: COMPETITION TIME!

We're launching two competitions - a short story competition & a poetry competition & would like you to use "Lockdown" as the title. Read T's and C's on our Facebook page @bathneslibraries. Completed short stories/ poems to: [lockdown\\_competition@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:lockdown_competition@bathnes.gov.uk) <https://t.co/z8LjlvPITL> <https://twitter.com/BathnesL/status/1251091831380684800?s=20>

### Can we help?

These are unprecedented times and it is not easy. Many of you will be facing job insecurities and have financial worries. Being in lockdown will undoubtedly be having an impact on your mental health and wellbeing too.

We are here to help if we can. Please contact us if we could be doing more to support you and your child in anyway. This might be linked to home learning, free school meals or to signpost you to agencies that can support in other ways.

It has been made very clear that already the cases of mental health needs and concerns for a number of families across the nation are rising. The number of cases of domestic violence is thought to be increasing, as is the increased need for involvement from social workers.

If you feel that you would like to contact ourselves to discuss something further then please email [office@shoscombeprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@shoscombeprimary.co.uk) and ask for either Mrs Noall or Mrs Rorison to email you, or call you. You do not need to write anything in the body of the email, just that you would like to talk to one of us.

### Are your children anxious? This information may be helpful

\* For parents with children under 5 years old, who have not yet started school, the Department for Education (DfE)'s Hungry Little Minds campaign features tips and practical activities that you can do at home with children to support their early learning.

\* The NSPCC has provided support in order to help you answer questions your children are asking. They are able to help you to have these conversations in a simple and straightforward way by:

- Talking about feelings and worries;
- Keeping in touch with family and friends – and yet balance screen time;
- Trying to create structure and routine
- Helping children to have a sense of control.

Lots of information is included on the NSPCC website, follow the link below:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/)

\* There is a FREE downloadable book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. The book has had expert input: Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, with advice from a child psychologist and two headteachers.

The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds:

What is the coronavirus?

- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

This book is offered totally free of charge to anyone who wants to read it. Follow the link shown below to access this book online, or to download it.

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see message from Future Bright (school support service) regarding welfare support: the Future Bright programme have been able to temporarily widen their eligibility criteria so they can work with those who have lost pay or work due to the COVID-19 crisis.

If this is you we can offer:

- \* Over the phone/ Skype support for up to 3 months
- \* Support to help participants begin looking for new or additional employment.
- \* Access to short-term training to improve skills and enable participants to move quickly to secure work opportunities of either a temporary or permanent nature

To find out more about the programme and sign up contact us today

- \* Phone 01225 395555
- \* Email [futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk) <mailto:[futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk)>
- \* Website <https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/future-bright/referrals/>

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