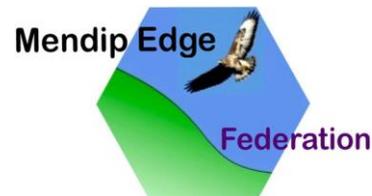




SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
JANUARY 2016



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! Thank you for all the Christmas presents and cards given to the staff at the end of term. Welcome to a new year and a packed term. Below are the dates for the Spring term, more will be added in future newsletters when they are known.

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2016

25 th – 27 th January	Book Fair 3.15 – 4.00
28 th January	Year 3 Multisports - Fairlands
4 th February	Film Club
9 th February	6pm Phonics and Spelling Parent Meeting (Rosewood & Mendip)
11 th February	2.30pm Family Service, St Leonard's Church
12 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
15 th February	Half Term Holidays
22 nd February	Back to School
29 th February	Year 4 Pilgrimage Day at Wells Cathedral
3 rd March	Year 2 Multisports - Fairlands
7 th March	Blackrock visit to Earth Sciences Centre
15 th March	3.30 – 5pm Parents Evening
16 th March	5-7pm Parents Evening
17 th March	Film Club
18 th March	Sports Relief
24 th March	2.30pm Family Service, End of Term

NEW WEBSITE

We are delighted with our new look website which has been designed by Angela Rivers. Please take a look on www.shiphamfirst.co.uk. We are still updating the calendar and news pages. It is now compatible with mobiles and tablets.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of items in lost property (red box outside Mendip Class). Can you please check the box for any items you may have mislaid.

FILM CLUB

Film Club will be on the following dates this term:

Thursday 4th February:
'Inside out' or 'Home'

Thursday 17th March:
'Shrek the Third' or 'Matilda'



The club costs £4.50 which includes refreshments. Letters will be sent out shortly.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ann Jones to our team this term. Mrs Jones will be working three days per week supporting children in the classroom and in small groups. We are looking forward to working with her when she starts in February.

We are still looking for a replacement School Crossing Patrol person and also more lunchtime supervisor staff, either casual or permanent. If you would like more details please see Mrs Macleod.

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met at the beginning of term and are fired up with new ideas for the school. They have requested a school disco this term. Are there any parents who have lights and/or a sound system which they could lend the school for this event? Perhaps you would even be a DJ for the night? If so, please speak to Mrs Macleod in the office.

They have decided to raise money this term to buy paint for the benches, shed and fencing. As well as the School Disco, they would like to hold an Easter Egg Raffle again this year. After the half term break they will be asking for donations of Easter Eggs and selling raffle tickets before school.

Lastly, they would like to hold a Talent Show. They are giving advance warning of this, which will probably be held after Easter, to give plenty of time for everyone to practice their talent at home.

More details of the events above to follow.



BOOK FAIR

The annual Scholastic Book Fair takes place in the school hall from 3.15 – 4.00 on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th January. The school can choose books to match the amount spent by parents so we are hoping to restock some of our library books as part of the library refurbishment project this term.



ATTENDANCE

To ensure good attendance at school is maintained, the school will be sending out attendance letters to all parents at the end of each term showing the percentage attendance for their child. Also a reminder for children to be dropped off and collected on time. Staff often have meetings straight after school. Many thanks for your help with this.

BLACKROCK – WHOLE CLASS VIOLIN

Blackrock Class were very excited this week to start their whole class violin lessons. They will be bringing the violins home shortly to practice what they have learnt in class.



COLD WEATHER

As well as the telephone pyramid system, if the school is closed due to snow/boiler breakdown, there will be a notice on our website. There will also be a message on the school answerphone (01934 842862) and closures will be announced on Radio Bristol, Somerset Sound and Orchard FM.

Could you also make sure that all children have warm coats, gloves and scarves in school as it can get very cold at playtime and lunchtime.

Do you know a nurse that could come in and talk to Mendip Class about their job? If so, please speak to Mrs Joyce

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