



SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2015

## NEWSLETTER

Mendip Edge



Dear Parents and Carers

### DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2015

25 <sup>th</sup> November	Victorian Day – Blackrock Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 4 Rugby at Fairlands (am)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Film Club
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing at Active Living Lunch
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bonanza – Village Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Christmas Play
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing at Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at St Monicas
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Draw – 3.20pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Puppet Show
18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Carol Service – End of Term

### CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. The school raised:



### STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2016

You can now apply online for a school place for September 2016 at

[www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Any queries please contact Somerset Admissions on: 0300 123 2224

### ROAD SAFETY

There have been some concerns from our neighbours around the school about road safety during the drop off and pick up times from the school. Whilst we are looking for a new road crossing person we would be grateful if parents could be extra vigilant about road safety around the school whilst children are on foot and on wheels, even on pavements and whilst crossing driveways. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

### EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Now we are approaching winter we are updating our emergency closure procedure should the school need to close for snow, broken boilers etc. Each year we set up a telephone pyramid contact system to help tell all parents about school closures. If you **do not** wish your telephone number to be included in the system, please let Mrs Macleod know by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### FOODBANK

We have had a request from the Foodbank for the following:

- Nice food and treats to put in a hamper, e.g. Chocolate, non-alcoholic drinks
- Men's Toiletries e.g., razors, deodorant, washing gel
- Women's toiletries e.g., shampoo, shower gel, moisturiser
- Baby food, nappies, soap, wipes
- Cleaning products – washing powder, washing up liquid
- Pet food

Any donations can be left in the box outside the office

### CHRISTMAS BONANZA

FOSS are once again holding a Christmas Bonanza at the village hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 4pm. They are looking for donations of small toys and prizes for the lucky dip and soft teddies for the tombola. Any donations can be brought to the school office.

They also need volunteers for the day. If you can spare some time, please let Angela

know on [angela@genius-ink.com](mailto:angela@genius-ink.com)

All proceeds from the Bonanza will go to projects at the school and pre-school.



### CHRISTMAS PLAY ARRANGEMENTS

The children will be bringing home a costume in the next two weeks, or instructions on what costume to provide. Could you please wash the costume and make sure it fits your child. We would like costumes returned to the school by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

Performances in the Church:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - First Performance – Dress rehearsal at 2.30pm**

This is an opportunity for parents to bring their pre-school children to enjoy the show. Children attending Shipham Pre-School will be there to watch. Children will be brought back to school and collected from there at 3.15pm. All costumes will come home with the children to be tidied up before ....

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Evening Performance at 6pm**

Children – wearing their costumes – to arrive at church no earlier than 5.45pm.

Please return all costumes – in good, clean condition – to the school by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.



### PE KITS

There are still some children that do not have PE kits in school. Can you please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school every day and that their daps are the correct size. It would also be useful to have warm jogging bottoms in their PE kit as the weather is getting colder outside.

### WINTER COATS

Please make sure your child has a winter coat at school. The children go outside, if it is not wet, every morning and lunchtime and it is getting very cold and windy.

### FOOTBALL AND MULTISPORTS

Our Football Coach, Mark, is unavailable this Friday. This means that there will be **no football this Friday**, but it will be back on next week. If the footballers wish to do multisports they are welcome to stay for this. As the nights are getting darker, **multisports and football will finish at 4.15pm** until the end of January.

### PUPIL PREMIUM

**Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?**

The Government give money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best and participate in school life to the full. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. **For every child registered the school gets £1300 per year.**

With this money we can provide further support and resources for individual children.

**How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Macleod who will help you to register.

**No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child today.**

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190

**Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**

### Contact details

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