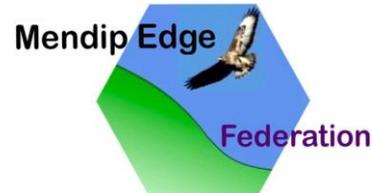




SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
MAY 2016



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2016

19 th May	Reception multisports @ Fairlands
25 th May	Reception – Visit to Bristol Aquarium
25 th May	Blackrock – Horrible Histories @ Bristol Hippodrome
27 th May	Family service 2.45pm, End of Term
14 th June	New Reception Parent Evening 6pm
20 th June	Blackrock Class – Viking Day
24 th June	Inset Day
27 – 29 June	Year 4 Activity Days
30 th June	Farm Visit - Rosewood
5 th July	Transfer Day
12 th July	Sports Day (pm)
19 th July	School Walk and Picnic
20 th July	Leavers Service (pm)

ROAD SAFETY

We are still not able to fill our crossing patrol vacancy but in the meantime are concerned about pupil safety at the busy start and end of the school day. We are in the process of writing to Somerset County Council to ask them to visit the site with a view to reducing the speed limit at these times of the day to 20 mph and installing a crossing outside the school. We will keep you informed of progress.

LIBRARY PROJECT

Further to our plea in the last newsletter, Mr Lewis (Evan's dad) has volunteered to get together a working party to redecorate the library. If you feel you could offer a few hours to help, please see Mr Lewis or Mrs Macleod in the school office.

DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school playground or field. If you do bring a dog to school and need to tie it up, could you please keep them clear of the playground gates as some children are frightened of dogs and are nervous about going too close to them. Many thanks.

VANDALISM ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

There have been a few incidents in the last few weeks of vandalism on the school grounds after hours. The fertile chicken eggs have been taken and there has been damage to the forest school area. We know that the children at the school know how to look after our school grounds and we have been told that it is older children on the site at weekends who have been misusing this area. If you see any suspicious behaviour when you are using the grounds at weekends or evenings can you let staff at the school know.

STAFF NEWS

After interviews last week, we are delighted to announce that we have recruited a new teacher for Rosewood Class from September 2016. Miss Jo Perrett is very excited to take up her position and meet all the children. She will be able to meet parents of the new Reception class at the new parent evening on Tuesday 14th June and she will also be here for transfer day on 5th July.



INTER-SCHOOLS TENNIS

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 Tennis players who represented the school last week in the Cluster Tennis Competition. They narrowly missed out on a place in the quarter finals. A big thank you to Mrs Leader for all her coaching beforehand and umpiring on the day.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Shipham School Council met with the school councils of the other three schools in the federation last month to help write an Anti-Bullying Charter. This charter will form part of the behaviour policy of all the schools.

SHIPHAM FUN DAY

Shipham are holding a fun day this Saturday from 2-5pm at the Village Hall. There will be tea and cakes, plant stall, raffle, face painting and a penalty competition amongst other activities. Please come and support the event which is being run by 'Shipham Action for Refugees'.



'SHIPHAM SCHOOLS' FETE

Our annual summer fete, which raises funds for First School and Pre-School, will take place on Sunday 19th June from 12-4pm. There will be fun and games for all the family, cafe, barbecue and bar, as well as the hotly contested Great Shipham Cake Off (look out for entry forms in book bags soon). We would like to offer you, your family and friends the chance to take a stall at the fete - they're the perfect opportunity for local craftspeople and businesses to sell their creations, and at just £5 for the afternoon, a bargain too! If you'd like a stall, please email angela@genius-ink.com. In addition, if you fancy a de-clutter, we're collecting books and toys to use as prizes for our tombola. Please bring any donations to the School office.



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