



SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND
FIRST SCHOOL



Together Everyone Achieves More

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Dear All,

Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to our new reception children and their parents. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share about what they did throughout the holidays. The teachers have been busy preparing for their new classes and we have been very pleased with the way the children have settled in and for all the hard work they have put in already.

We are determined to make this year another high achieving and happy one and from talking to children I know that they too are keen to make the most of all that the new year will bring. I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

12 th September	3.30pm Mendip Class Meeting
13 th September	3.15-4.15 Rugby & Multisports starts
13 th September	3.30pm Blackrock Class Meeting
15 th September	Music Lessons and Choir starts
15 th September	Multisports (Yr 3 & 4) starts
16 th September	Harvest Festival, 2.30pm St Leonards Church
26 th September	Photographer for individual and siblings
10 th October	2.15 – 3.15 Open Afternoon – Reception 2017
12 th October	Blackrock Class visit to @Bristol
17 th October	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
20 th October	Parents Evening 4-6.30pm
21 st October	End of Term
31 st October	Inset Day
1 st November	No rugby or multisports
3 rd November	No multisports
18 th November	Children in Need Day
23 rd November	Robot Day – Blackrock Class
25 th November	Flu Vaccination – Years 1, 2 & 3
7 th December	2.30pm Dress Rehearsal, Christmas Play
8 th December	6pm Christmas Play
13 th December	Christmas Lunch
13 th December	Christmas Party (pm)
15 th December	2.30pm Carol Service, St Leonards Church
16 th December	End of Term

Please check the website for updates to diary dates. More dates will be published when they are available.

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Library Refurbishment

A huge thank you to our team of volunteers, coordinated by Mr Lewis (Evan's Dad) who came in during the holidays and redecorated our library and put up the shelves. It looks like they have a few 'young' apprentices too!

The staff will be spending the next few weeks sorting through the books and ordering new books so that the children will have full use of the new library.



New Head Teacher Office Times

Mr Jory will be in Shipham School on:

- Monday all day
- Thursday afternoon
- Friday morning

Please contact the school office if you need to make an appointment to see him.

Parent Meetings

We are again holding meetings for parents early in the year. These are opportunities for staff to explain classroom routines, to talk about teaching and learning of, in particular, reading, handwriting and spelling and to answer any questions you may have.

All the meetings will start as soon as possible after school and will last about 30 minutes. If you are unable to find anyone to look after your children other members of staff will be available to 'mind' them.

Mendip Class – 12th September
Blackrock Class – 13th September

Harvest Festival

This year's harvest celebrations will be at 2.30pm on Friday 16th September at St Leonard's Church, parents are welcome to attend. We would also be pleased to see Reception children there with their parents. Again this year we are going to support food bank in Weston and would be grateful for contributions of tins or other non-perishable items. Could these be brought into school on or before Thursday 15th September.



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Policies, Consent Forms and Data Collection

Below is a list of all the documents that are now available on the website, please take time to read:

- Parent Handbook
- School aims and statutory policies
- Letter about pupil premium
- Volunteer helper sheet

Below is a list of all the documents enclosed. These should all be returned either to the office or in the mailbox by Friday 16th September.

- Home School Agreement to be signed by parents and children
- Data collection sheet to update contacts and medical information
- Consent for off-site visits. This consent form covers all visits during the year

Thank you for your support and cooperation with these documents.

School Values

We are proud to announce that we have a new mission statement :

‘Creating a safe and happy environment where each child can grow academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally.’

Together Everyone Achieves More

We have also linked each word to two school values, which will be taught in more detail through our collective worships and class work.

Respect - **Together** - Compassion

Equality - **Everyone** - Justice

Success - **Achieves** - Endurance

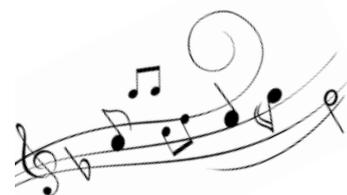
Hope - **More** - Community

We will keep you updated on which value is being introduced through our new Family Values Newsletter .

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Choir and Music Lessons

Music lessons will start again next Thursday with Mrs Spanring. The choir will also be starting next week and will run for 10 weeks each term. This term the choir will be singing at St Monica's at Sandford Station in their Christmas Concert and also at St Leonards during the school carol service. If your child would like to join the choir this term please fill in the attached form along with a contribution of £5 per term. Choir is open to Years 1 – 4 and is during lunchtime on Thursdays.



After School Rugby and Multisports

Letters have been sent home regarding after school rugby and multisports. The arrangements for the first half term are:

Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15:

Rugby – Years 3 & 4, Multisports Years 1 & 2

Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15:

Multisports Years 3 & 4

Both clubs start next week.



A warm welcome to Miss Perrett, our new Rosewood Class teacher. She has very much enjoyed getting to know the children this week. Welcome also to our new Reception children and their parents. We are very much looking forward to working with you in the future.

Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am. Children can be dropped off in the playground from 8.40am. If your child is unwell can you please ring the school office on 01934 843485 before 9am. School finishes at 3.15pm.

CHOIR

My Child would like to join Choir in the Autumn Term

I enclose £5 as a contribution towards the cost of the choir.

Signed

Please return to school office by Thursday 15th September.

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