



**SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND
FIRST SCHOOL**



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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

10 th October	2.15 – 3.15 Open Afternoon – Reception 2017
10 th October	3.15 – 3.45 Rosewood Class Meeting
12 th October	Blackrock Class visit to @Bristol
14 th October	Film Night
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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A big thank you to all the children who put their names forward to join the school council. The outgoing council read all the applications (without names) and the following children were chosen to be the new school council:

Isla Warman	Helena Thornton Matthews
Amy Menhennet	Oliver Broadhurst
Agnes Alexander	Emily Jones
Olive Crosbie	Isobel Harris

They are all very excited to be on the school council and looking forward to their first meeting with Mr Jory. We will keep you informed of their plans for the school.

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Library Books

We have received a grant from the Garfield Weston Trust of £500 to spend on books for the library. With the money already raised by FOSS this means that the children will benefit from a big selection of new topic books to choose from.

The teachers are busy choosing the new books and they will be delivered shortly.

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.

We will be reporting on the percentage attendance for each class at the end of each half term.

We are aware of several instances at Churchill Secondary School where students walking to and from school were followed by a man driving slowly in a grey car. On two occasions he stopped and asked students to get into the car or offered them a lift; on both occasions the students sensibly ignored him and reported the incident. Please be extra vigilant before and after school and report any suspicious behaviour to the school or police.

Open Afternoon 10th October 2.15pm

We are holding an Open Afternoon for children starting school in September 2017. There will be an opportunity for children to have a fun session in Rosewood Class whilst parents have a tour of the school, see the children's work on display and meet staff.

New Chair of Governors

At the recent Mendip Edge Federation full governing body meeting there was an election to select the Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

The new Chair is Diane Sleeman and the joint Vice Chair is Jon Wood and Heather Fuller.

Correspondence for the above is through the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Debbie Andrews at Fairlands Middle School.

After School and Holiday Multisports

There are still spaces on the after school multisports on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a form from the school office.

Mr Brewer will be running a holiday club in the October half term. This will be at Draycott School on Monday 24th October and Shipham School on Tuesday 25th October.

Forms will be sent home later in the week.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Now we are approaching winter we are updating our emergency closure procedures should the school need to close for snow, broken boilers etc. Each year we set up a telephone pyramid contact system to help inform 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 14th October.

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