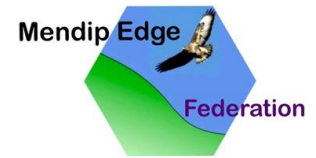




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NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

14 th November	Rosewood and Mendip visit to Noahs Ark
18 th November	Children in Need Day
23 rd November	Robot Day – Blackrock Class
25 th November	Flu Vaccination – Years 1, 2 & 3
4 th December	Christmas Market and Festive Food Hall
7 th December	2.30pm Dress Rehearsal, Christmas Play
8 th December	2pm Choir visit to St Monicas
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
15 th December	School Disco
16 th December	Singing at Save the Children Lunch
16 th December	End of Term

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

LIBRARY BOOKS

We have now purchased new non-fiction books for our library to support all the topic work during the year. Please come and see our newly refurbished library.

We are very grateful to FOSS, Mr Busby, Shipham Parochial Church Council and the Garfield Weston Trust for all their donations for books and book shelves. A very big thank you also to our team of volunteers who helped paint the library during the school holidays.

CHOIR VISIT

By special request of the residents, the choir will be visiting St Monicas at Sandford Station again this year. If your child is in the choir and you are able to help with transport for this concert can you speak to Mrs Macleod.

The concert is on Thursday 8th December at 2pm, leaving school around 1.30pm. The children will be back before the end of the school day.

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CHILDREN IN NEED

We are once again supporting Children in Need and invite children to dress up spotty or in Mufti for a donation of at least a pound. All donations will go to the Children in Need appeal. Children in Need day is on Friday 18th November.



PRE-SCHOOL/SCHOOL MERGER

We are delighted to report that with effect from the 1st November 2016, the governing body have taken on the management of the Shipham Pre-School. We hope that this will cement our strong links with the pre-school and we look forward to working closer with them, building on our strong relationship with them to benefit all the children.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AND FESTIVE FOOD HALL

The Shipham Christmas Market organised by Friends of Shipham Schools (FOSS) will take place on Sunday 4th December between 11am - 4pm at Shipham Village Hall.



Loads of festive stalls packed full of wonderful gifts, toys, crafts, jewellery, handbags, food and drink. There will be the popular Christmas Cafe selling home made soup, cakes, mince pies and mulled wine.

The Elf Zone will also be running, so the children can make Christmas Cards, have their face painted and their nails done or have a go on the Teddy Tombola or Lucky Dip! Who knows, even Father Christmas might be dropping in to say hello!

ALL the profits will go towards Shipham Schools for things like new books, playground equipment, school trips and we need YOUR help! Mel Edmonds (Finn's mum) will be rounding up any eager volunteers next week in the playground!

Can you/partner/grandparents help by:

- Donating an item for the Christmas Hamper raffle prize (a list will be up on the Pre-School entrance next week)
- Donating cakes/mince pies to the festive cafe (drop off at school on Friday 2nd Dec or bring along from 8am on the Sunday)
- Donating any second hand school clothes for a stall
- Donating any small toys/gifts for the Lucky Dip
- Setting up the hall from 8am on Sunday 4th and/or packing up at 4pm.
- Helping in the cafe.
- Manning the entrance.
- Helping the children in the Elf Zone / Face Painting etc



HOPE

The Christian Value we are focusing on this half term is Hope. A separate family values newsletter is attached.



FILM CLUB

The second film club this term is on Friday 11th November. The film choice is Kung Fu Panda or The Jungle Book. If your child would like to come to the film club and they have not booked a place please get a form from the School Office.

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