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## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### DIARY DATES

12 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre-school sports morning
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sponsored Cycle
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports afternoon
17 <sup>th</sup> July	School Walk and Picnic
19 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSS End of Term Party
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Talent Show (am)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Service – 2pm @ St Leonards Church
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term

### SCHOOL WALK & PICNIC

The school walk and picnic is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The children will be walking to Rowberrow Church for a short service, followed by a picnic lunch, and then a walk through Rowberrow Woods. **All children will need a packed lunch in a small rucksack** that they will need to carry with them. Please make sure they have a water bottle.

### LEAVERS SERVICE

The Leavers Service is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm at St Leonards Church. All parents are welcome.

### HOLIDAY BUILDING WORK

The school is having some building work done over the holidays to stop the damp in the classrooms. The work will take the majority of the school holidays and the school will not be open during this time.

The holiday club that was planned to be at Shipham over the holidays has now been moved – details of the changes will be sent out in a separate letter.

As the classrooms have to be emptied before the end of term to allow this work to happen, and the contents stored in the school hall, there will be **no hot school dinners on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Please bring a packed lunch for your child on this day if they usually have a school meal. The children will be eating their lunch in the classrooms or outside if the weather is fine.

## SPORTS AFTERNOON

Our annual sports day is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. This is a multisport event and parents are invited to join their children and take them around each event. This is followed by competitive races for all year groups on the track, along with novelty races and if we have any willing volunteers, a parent race too. The running order for the afternoon is:

- 1.30pm Introduction of the Teams
- 1.35pm Individual events for all year groups on the field
- 2.20pm Competitive races for all year groups on the track
- 3.00pm Teas, coffees and cream teas available to buy

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on that day. 'Team t-shirts' are provided and we would be grateful if these could be taken home, washed and returned to school before the end of term.



### TALENT SHOW

Children have an opportunity to share their talents. They need to complete an application form, and return to the school office by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Auditions are being held by Mr Jory on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and the Talent Show is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the morning to the rest of the school (no parents).

### PAINTING APRONS

Do you have any men's shirts that can be donated to the school and used as painting aprons? Blackrock are very short of these and would be pleased for any donations.

### SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please speak or make an appointment to see :

Mr Jory - Child Protection Officer  
Mrs Joyce - Deputy Child Protection Officer

#### Other useful contacts:

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000  
Somerset Direct - 0300 123 2224 to contact local authority for advice

### ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%. Our attendance for the year to date is 97.2%

Rosewood 96.3 %  
Mendip 97.1%  
Blackrock 97.7%

Congratulations to Mendip and Blackrock for continued good attendance and thank you to all families who are working hard to ensure that all children come to school regularly. We are very pleased to have hit our target for attendance this year.

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