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SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to another new school year. I hope you all had a good summer and had some quality time together. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. The children have settled into their new classes really quickly and are enjoying the school day and new learning. Thank you for supporting the school by sending your children to school on time and allowing them to enter school independently.

At the end of the academic school year I shared building projects planned for the summer holidays. I am pleased to report that all the all the works have been completed and the classrooms look fantastic.

I would like to thank Mr Brewer for organising and running the holiday clubs. They were again very successful and it was lovely to see the children from Axbridge, Cheddar, Shipham and Draycott working together. Thank you for being understanding with the changes of venues due to the works being completed in Shipham. Mr Brewer also wanted to say thank you to all the children, (105 in total from 4 schools), who attended over the 8 days as they were all so well behaved

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher or me if you have concerns or need support, help or advice. Finally, thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.

DIARY DATES

12 th September	After School Sports start
15 th September	2.30pm Harvest Festival
18 th September	3.30pm Blackrock Class meeting
21 st September	Year 1 Class Meeting
17 th October	3.30-6pm Parent Evening
19 th October	4-7pm Parent Evening
23-27 October	Half Term Holidays
30 th October	First day back
17 th November	Children in Need Day
22 nd November	Blackrock Class – Victorian Day
25 th November	Shipham Christmas Fayre 3-9pm
13 th December	Rehearsal – Christmas Play 2pm @ St Leonards
14 th December	Christmas Play 6pm @ St Leonards
15 th December	Xmas Jumper Day
21 st December	Last day of term – Carol Service 2.30pm @ St Leonards

More dates will follow

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SPORTS CLUBS

Sporting World will be running two sports clubs after school this term (3.15 – 4.15). There will be two coaches so the children can be split into two groups on each night:

Tuesdays (R, 1, 2, 3 & 4) Sport Club
Fridays (1, 2 3 & 4) Gymnastics

The Friday club will be extended to Reception children later in the school year. A letter will be sent home today to apply for a space.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's harvest celebrations will be at 2.30pm on Friday 15th 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 14th September.

PARENT PAY

Many thanks for being patient over the school holidays whilst parent pay was being set up. It is now up and working and parents are able to pay for uniform, school meals, breakfast club, school trips and pre-school fees via this website.

You are also able to order school lunches online. If you have not yet logged on to the website, or have lost your activation letter, please see Mrs Macleod.

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.

Blackrock Class – 18th September
Rosewood Class – 21st September

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 22nd 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.

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PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the parent questionnaire. We have compiled the results below and will share these with the Governors. We will also be looking at any concerns or suggestions from the forms and how these can be incorporated into our development plan.

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know	N/A
Shipham School has a welcoming atmosphere	92%	8%		
My child is happy and enjoys being at school	100%			
My child feels safe at school	100%			
The school ensures the pupils are well behaved	92%	4%	4%	
My child knows what each letter of T E A M represents	60%	24%	16%	
We are welcome to join in with church services throughout the year	100%			
The family values newsletters are informative and help explain the school Christian Values	76%	12%	12%	
The school is well led and managed	88%	8%	4%	
My child is taught well at this school	96%		4%	
My child makes good progress at this school	96%	4%		
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	92%	4%	4%	
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	81%	15%	4%	
I use the school website for dates, newsletters and class information	59%	37%	4%	
My child enjoys the hot school meals	57%	37%		6%
This school responds well to any concern I raise	56%	20%	8%	16%
I would be interested in the school running an after school club every day until 5.30pm	48%	12%	20%	20%
I would like to be involved in a maths or English lessons with my child to see how they learn in the classroom	64%	16%	8%	12%
I would recommend the school to new parents moving into the area	80%		20%	

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

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