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## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### DIARY DATES

7 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at St Monicas
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Rehearsal – Christmas Play 2pm @ St Leonards
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play 6pm @ St Leonards
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Jumper Day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco 5.15 – 6.45
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Party
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term – Carol Service 2.30pm @ St Leonards
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Start back at school

We are nearly at the end of the Autumn Term and details of all the exciting events coming up are in the newsletter. If you have any queries about the arrangements for the school play, Christmas party etc. please see the Class Teacher or Mrs Macleod. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Laura Dunham who has joined Shipham School as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant, and Jo Tasker as a Midday Supervisor.

### CHRISTMAS PLAY ARRANGEMENTS

The children will be bringing home a costume in the next week, or instructions on what costume to provide. Could you please wash the costume and make sure it fits your child. We would like costumes returned to the school by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

Performances in the Church:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** -

First Performance – Dress rehearsal **at 2.00pm**

This is an opportunity for parents to bring their pre-school children to enjoy the show. Children attending Shipham Pre-School will be there to watch. Children will be brought back to school and collected from there **at 3.15pm**. All costumes will come home with the children to be tidied up before ....

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** -

Evening Performance **at 6pm**

Children – wearing their costumes – to arrive at church no earlier than 5.45pm.

Please return all costumes – in good, clean condition – to the school by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you for the fundraising effort for Children in Need. The cake sale and multi day contribution raised £126



## HOLIDAY CLUBS

Sporting World are offering holiday clubs over the Christmas holidays as follows:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January : Draycott  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Shipham

If you need a form please see Mrs Macleod

## SCHOOL DISCO

FOSS will be hosting the end of term Christmas Disco and back by popular demand is DJ Mr Lewis (aka DJ Fiddy Pence) and DJ Mr Burton.

The disco is 5.15 – 6.45 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and costs £5.00 to include soft drinks and a snack.

Fancy Dress, Christmas Jumpers or Party Dress.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Each class will be having a Christmas party on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. They will need to bring party clothes in a bag to change into after the Christmas lunch.

## EMERGENCY CLOSURE

As the weather is getting very cold we are updating our emergency closure procedure should the school need to close for snow, broken boilers etc. Each year we set up a telephone pyramid contact system to help tell 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 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## SHIPHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

A huge thank you to all the members of FOSS who organised and helped at the Christmas Market last weekend. Thank you also to anyone who helped on the day, made cakes, donated raffle prizes or supported the event. It was well attended and raised vital funds for the school and pre-school for school equipment and coach travel for trips. We are extremely grateful to FOSS for all their hard work over the year organising fund raising events. This year FOSS have helped fund the following:

- Coaches for all years groups for school trips
- Books for our refurbished library
- Leavers Books
- Toys and resources for Rosewood Class role play area
- Maths resources and books for Blackrock Class
- Small wheeled vehicles for Rosewood



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance above 97%. The overall attendance for the Autumn term to date for each class is:

Rosewood	97.4 %
Blackrock	96.2 %

Term dates and in-service days for 2017-18 are on the website. Please note that holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

### 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 - 0800 800 5000

Somerset Direct - 0300 123 2224 to contact local authority for advice

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The school Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 19th December. The cost for juniors only is £2.50 (key stage 1 is free). Please indicate choices and return the form below to order the lunch. Please pay via parent pay or return cash with this form if you have not already pre-paid until the end of term for your junior child.



Roast Turkey  
Stuffing Ball, Sausage  
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas  
Gravy

\*\* OR \*\*

Lentil Roast

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Christmas Chocolate Cake Slice

**OR**

Fruit or Yoghurt

Child's name .....

I enclose £2.50 for junior meal if not already pre-paid

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