

# SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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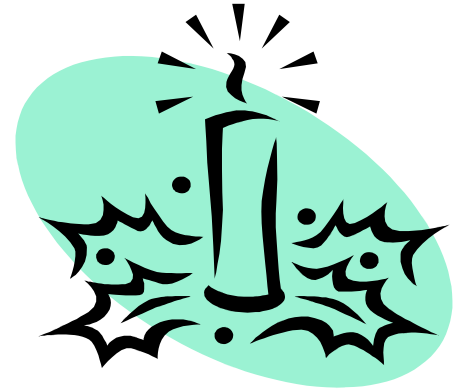
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13<sup>th</sup> December 2007

Dear Parents,

A reminder about the events still to come this term:

FOSS LINE DRAW – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 3.20 pm  
The draw will take place at 3.20 pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – have you bought your lines yet? Forms and money need to be returned to school (or FOSS members) by the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Children may bring party outfits to wear in the afternoon. They will be able to change after the lunch break.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the church at **2.30 pm**  
Please join us for a short service of traditional carols and some readings. We will then bring the children back to school to be collected as usual.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – INSET Day. No school for children.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Term starts for everyone.

## HOT SCHOOL DINNERS

The average number this half-term has been 25 per day. This means that we will have to make a considerable contribution from school funds. So I am sorry to say that we cannot continue to offer hot meals next term. I know that this will disappoint many of you, but I hope you appreciate that we have tried really hard. Somerset Catering Services have told me that there are other schools in the same position and it is now up to County Councillors to give a higher funding priority to school meals. But I can't see any significant change coming in the foreseeable future.

Please therefore provide a packed lunch for your child/children next term.

## EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURES

Just in case we have snow, a broken boiler etc, Mrs Macleod is updating the telephone 'pyramid' to speed up notifying parents about emergency closures. If, for any reason, you do not want your contact number to be given to other parents, please let Mrs Macleod know this term. She will also get in touch with main contact people to check that they are still happy to be in that position.

#### RECEPTION CHILDREN

Now the children have been in school for a term, we feel it is time for them to come into the classroom on their own at the beginning of the day. So, from January, please would parents say goodbye to children in the playground and allow them to go into class independently, unless there are special reasons for them needing your support on a particular day. You will always be very welcome to talk with Mrs Hopkins at the end of the school day.

#### PLAY PHOTOS

Do come in to look at the photos and order copies if you want them. They are available as printed copies at 20p or electronically free of charge. It is more convenient for us to send them by e-mail, so we would appreciate your choosing this method if possible.

Please do also come and look at our Christmas displays and the things children have made.

It was a great performance last night (and on Tuesday). Thank you for producing such talented, confident children!

I hope you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas!

A. Gwynn