

# SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your help with turning the school spotty for Children in Need last Friday. We raised £77.60. And on the subject of spots, there seems to be both impetigo and ringworm in school. Please be aware and consult your GP if any rashes appear.

Events and arrangements for the next few weeks.

OPEN EVENING – WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 3.15 – 6.00 pm

At 3.15 there will be some short events in the Hall – Class 3 will perform some items they have been learning through the Raising Voices project; and Class 1 and 2 will do some story telling. We would be pleased if as many children as possible could stay to take part in these. They will be finished by 3.30 or soon after. The school will then be open for parents and other visitors to see displays of work.

LAST SWIMMING/ICT THIS TERM – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING – THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Consultations for all year groups EXCEPT RECEPTION will be held on this evening between 3.30 and 7.00. A booking form is attached. Parents of Y1 children based in Class 1 – as there are only a few of you, it would be very much appreciated by Mrs Hopkins if you could possibly come at an early time.

HELP WITH READING

We would much appreciate help with hearing readers. In Class 2 this would be best on either Monday or Tuesday afternoons. For Class 3 Wednesday or Thursday afternoons would be easiest. If you have a little spare time on any of those afternoons we would love to hear from you.

CHRISTMAS PLAY ARRANGEMENTS

## **COSTUMES**

In previous years these have been provided washed, ironed and ready-altered for your child. This has taken a huge amount of Mrs Hickman's time and because of her now invaluable role in numeracy, we have decided that this is no longer practical and we need to make some changes. So this year each child will be given a costume to bring home and **we are asking you to make sure that it fits and is in good condition for the performance.** Year One children have already brought home a note asking parents to provide something suitable for their roles as 'children from different countries'. If there are any particular requirements

we will contact parents individually.

All children should bring their costumes into school (in a named bag) by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PERFORMANCES - in the Church**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December First Performance (Dress Rehearsal) at 2.15 pm

This is an opportunity for parents to bring their pre-school children to enjoy the show. The school and Governors request parents to try to bring younger children to this performance rather than to the evening one.

Children attending Shipham Pre-School will be there to watch.

Children will be brought back to school and collected from there at 3.15 pm. Costumes will come home with them.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Evening Performance at 6.00 pm

Children – wearing their costumes – to arrive at church between 5.30 and 5.45 pm.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN LUNCH**

As is now customary, Class 2 and Class 3 children will perform some songs at the Save the Children lunch at the Village Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **FOSS LINE DRAW**

The draw will take place at 3.20 pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Fairlands are providing a Christmas lunch and all children are encouraged to join in. A booking form will be sent nearer the time. The lunch is at the usual price of £1.80.

Children may bring party clothes to school that day. There are games in classrooms in the afternoon and presents from Santa usually mysteriously arrive in my office that afternoon and will be distributed by FOSS members just before the children go home.

### **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.

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

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

### **AND FINALLY....**

Mrs Hopkins is expecting a baby in June! This is very happy news and we are delighted for her and Damian. She will be taking maternity leave from May.

Yours,

A. Gwynn