

# SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

You may notice that we have acquired a new logo on our headed paper. This is the Artsmark which we have been working towards over the last two years. Spearheaded by Mrs Kenny we have audited all the arts activities the children take part in, revised the Policy for the Arts and adjusted some of our schemes of work. We have now met the criteria and been awarded the Artsmark by Arts Council England 'in recognition of your commitment to the arts'. We are obviously delighted about this award and I am sure that you have all appreciated the artwork around the school and the dance and music activities.

One other bit of good news ... The Green Club put a grant application in to the Somerset Gardens Trust. Two members of the trust visited a while ago and we have now received £350 towards the development of the 'pond' area (now re-christened the Peaceful Place).

A revised list of dates is attached. A number of new or altered dates are included in **bold**.

## SKIPPERS' SESSIONS

These start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. All children who applied can take part and are getting a note to confirm this.

## CYCLING COURSE FOR YEAR 4 CHILDREN

A separate letter is going out about this.

## FUNDRAISING FOR LANGFORD VET CENTRE

Following the visit from the centre we are holding a fundraising day. Fancy Dress/Mufti Days do seem very popular (with children anyway!) so we are having another on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June on the theme of pets. Again, please, bear in mind that children have to work and play in their outfits so they should be comfortable and practical.

## BRING AN ADULT TO SCHOOL DAY – THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Details of this will be sent out nearer the time. The day will end with a concert involving the children who learn instruments with Mrs Spanring. Do stay to listen if you can – they are brilliant!

## SCHOOL OPEN EVENING – THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

From 3.00 until 6.30 the school will be open and 'on display'. It will start with a performance by Class 3, demonstrating the huge fun and success of the Raising Voices project in which they have been involved this year. There will also (I hope) be a Yoga demonstration to show what the children have

been doing with Belinda Hill. There will also be displays of the children's work this term, including lots about Shipham.

#### MENDIP HILLS LIFELINES PROJECT

Because we took – a very small - part in this project last year, we have been given a book of their most recent publication. This is a lovely picture-filled book, focusing on the stone walls of the Mendips and the photographs, art and poetry arising from the project. If you would like a copy please do take one from the box outside the Office.

Another reminder that the school day starts at 8.50 am and ALL CHILDREN should be in the playground by that time. Please also ensure that, for their safety, children walk round the school to the playground, not across the car park.

Yours,