

# SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Nearly back to normal! I hope the playground will be usable again by Monday so we will go back to the usual arrangements ie bringing children to the playground between 8.40 and 8.50 am. I hope the school closure communication systems have worked for you. We have now also set up a facility to put messages on the school website so that will be another source of information if/when the next lot of snow (or whatever) arrives. The address [www.shiphamfirst.co.uk](http://www.shiphamfirst.co.uk) and you can also find all newsletters and forms there.

It seems a long time now since the end of last term but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who came to the Carol Service and made it such a good end to the term. And, of course, to the members of FOSS who organised the presents for the classes. I know they are already used and valued.

## WELCOME

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Jo Dodds to Class 1. She is teaching there on Mondays and Tuesdays and will also sometimes be covering in other classes so I'm sure everyone will get to know her very soon. We also have a new child: Oliver Godfrey in Reception.

The school focus this term is 'Past Times'. Class 3 are studying Britain in Victorian times. Class 2's topic is Castles and Class 1 are looking at Traditional Tales. Various visits are planned to enrich the children's experience. Summaries of this term's plans for each class are attached.

## DATES

The list of dates for this term is attached. More details of some of the events will be sent nearer the time.

## REMINDERS

*Pupil security* – if, for any reason, you need to collect your child during a breaktime or lunchtime, please make sure that you come into the school rather than take them direct from the playground. We need to know that they are no longer on the site and are in safe hands.

*Daps* – children's feet grow and daps wear out! Every Tuesday there are a significant number of Class 2 and 3 children who are unable to get into their daps for PE. We do have some here for emergencies but please could you check that your child's daps are still OK.

*Names in property* – please put names in boots and on coats, gloves, hats, scarves etc. At this time of the year there's an awful lot of 'stuff' in the cloakrooms

*Change of clothes* – if we get a repeat of the snow could you put in a change of clothes, particularly socks. We (and the children) like them to get out and play in the snow but ...

**AFTER-SCHOOL COOKERY SESSIONS**

Sessions will be held on Mondays from 3.20 to 4.30 on 25<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Children attend just one session and the idea is that they prepare their meal for that evening. A session costs £2.50. Please complete and return the form below if your child would like to attend. Children will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Numbers at each session will depend on the number of willing adults who volunteer to help..... Please have a word with me if you can help at one or several sessions.

Yours,

A. Gwynn

**Please return by Wednesday 20th January**

**COOKERY SESSIONS**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend a cookery session.

My choice of dates is (please state preference 1, 2, 3)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January       Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February       Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

I will pay £2.50 for the session when I receive confirmation of acceptance.

I could help at a session

Signed .....