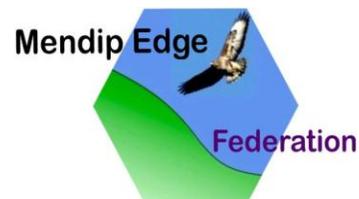




SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 2014



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new term and to the biggest mailing event of the school year. I hope you all had a good summer and had some time to enjoy the gorgeous weather. Welcome to our new children and parents and also to Mr Jory our new Headteacher and Miss Fournier who will be teaching Rosewood. Just to remind you that Mr Jory will be working here every morning on the first week back to school and every afternoon the second week. After the initial settling in period, I will confirm which days Mr Jory will be working here.

### DIARY DATES SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2014

16 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents meeting 3.30 to 4pm for Rosewood class
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents meeting 3:30 to 4pm for Mendip class
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Parents meeting 3:30 to 4pm for Blackrock class
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Service and Mr Jory's commissioning in church at 2:45pm
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Blackrock Visit to Burrington Rocks
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Family Service in church at 2:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day. School closed
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term holiday begins
12 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal in church 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity Evening Performance in church at 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party for the children in the afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Puppet show for the children at Draycott and Rodney Stoke
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service in church at 2:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas holiday begins
	Return to school 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

Please can we remind everyone when dropping off school children in the morning, please accompany your child on to the playground and stay with them until they have been handed over to the class teacher.

At the end of the day, the children will be brought out to their designated areas to be collected at 3.15pm, where the class teacher will hand them over to you. If you are unable to pick your child up from school, please let a member of staff know who will be collecting, so that we can be sure your child is handed over to the right person.

Please understand that both the beginning and the end of the school day are very busy and we want to make sure every child arrives and leaves school safely. Also, if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please ask to make an appointment as the beginning and end of the school day are not always appropriate.

Thank you



## School Meals

- From September all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.
- The cost per meal is currently £2.45 for children in Year 3 & 4.
- Children do not have to have a hot meal every day. If there is a day that they do not like the menu, they can bring in a packed lunch from home.
- Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack from home for break time. There is fruit and water available every day and if your child would like milk please speak to Mrs Macleod in the office for an application form.
- If your child has any food allergies but would like a hot meal please let Mrs Macleod know and she will contact the caterers to see if they are able to cater for your child's diet.
- Please return the menu choice slip asap. They are sent out every 3 weeks.
- Online system for ordering – there will be a form available on our website by the end of next week
- If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 and you think they would be entitled to a free school meal, please contact Mrs Macleod in the office.

## Policies, Consent Forms and Data Collection

Below is a list of all the documents that are now available on the website, please take time to read.

- Parent Handbook
- School aims and statutory policies
- Letter about Pupil Premium
- Volunteer helper sheet

Below is a list of all the documents enclosed. These should all be returned either to the office or in the mailbox by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

- Home school agreement to be signed by parents and children
- Data collection sheet to update contacts and medical information
- Consent for off-site visits. This consent form covers all visits during the year.
- After School Sports application form

Thank you for your cooperation and support with these documents.

### Parent Meetings

We are again holding meetings for parents early in the year. These are opportunities for staff to explain classroom routines, to talk about teaching and learning of , in particular , reading, handwriting and spelling, and to answer any questions you may have.

All the meetings will start as soon as possible after the end of school and will last about 30 minutes. If you are unable to find anyone to look after your children other members of staff will be available to 'mind' them.

### Harvest Festival

This year's harvest celebrations will be at 2:45pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at St Leonard's Church when parents are welcome to attend. We would also be pleased to see Reception children there with their parents. Again this year we are going to support food bank in Weston and would be grateful for contributions of tins or other non-perishable items. Could these be brought into school on or before the Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Jory is also to be commissioned and welcomed into the Parish and community.

### Volunteer Help

We very much value help in all sorts of ways within school. If you have time either to make a regular commitment or be approached to help on special occasions, walking to and from church, please talk either to your child's classteacher or Mrs Macleod.

### Holidays

As you know new legislations have come into force in regards to holidays in termtime, where the criteria is much stricter for schools to authorise time out of school. Headteachers in all the Cheddar Valley Schools have agreed that no requests for holidays will be authorized.

We ask that you bear this in mind when planning your holidays during 2014-15.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.



Sainsbury's

Thank you for sending in your Sainsburys shopping vouchers.

With all of the Sainsbury's vouchers collected, we have been able to get some more outside play equipment.

Thank you

Please can we thank everyone who contributed to Mrs Gwynn's and Mrs Marriott's leaving presents. They were really touched by everyone's kindness.

Mrs Gwynn kindly donated a Probot for the children to practice the new curriculum's programming objectives and colourful cups for the staffroom.

Thank you. ☺