



SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2014



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed some glorious weather in September and the children have enjoyed going outside at playtimes and lunchtimes. Just a reminder that they will need a coat in school every day. Some reminders and information for the coming weeks:

Parent Meetings

Parent consultation meetings will be held on 21st and 22nd October. Sign up letters will be sent out next week. Due to time constraints appointments are limited to 10 minutes per child. If you need a longer appointment for a specific issue we would ask you to come and see the teacher to make an appointment on another day. If you wish to see Mr Jory he will also be available on both evenings.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all the harvest festival donations. We will be taking these to the Cheddar foodbank for distribution to families in need.

Sickness Bug

There has recently been a sickness bug going around the school. Just a reminder that children should be kept off school 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Morrisons – Let's Grow

We are collecting vouchers again this year for Morrisons Let's Grow. These are used to purchase seeds and equipment for our Green Club. The collection box is in the school entrance hall.



School Meals

We have had a huge take up for the school meals in September and the children seem to enjoy the meals provided. Meals can now be ordered online through our website www.shiphamfirst.co.uk/school-meals. A password is needed to access the form which was sent out on an email. Please see Mrs Macleod if you need to have another copy of the email. The meals are repeated every three weeks, the menu choices will be carried forward to the next three weeks unless you contact the school office to change them.

- 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.
- 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.

Change to published Inset Day

To fall in line with other schools in the Cheddar Valley, we have changed our Inset Day from Monday 23rd February to Friday 13th March. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. The term dates including Inset Days can be found on our website: www.shiphamfirst.co.uk

Starting School in September 2015

You can now apply for a school place for September 2015 online at www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2015. Any queries please contact Somerset Direct on (0845) 4564038.

FOSS

We are hugely grateful to FOSS who continue to raise money on behalf of the school. Recent agreed purchases have included ICT software and licence for Lego WeDo, a coach trip to Bath for Blackrock class and various resources for Rosewood class. They are setting up an after school film club at the school in the Autumn term and are looking for suggestions from the children for PG and U certificate films to show at the club. Please send any suggestions to

Mel Edmonds on mel@mediafly.co.uk or Valerie Cocks on vsburo@gmail.com

DIARY DATES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2014

7 th October	Green Club visit to Lower Stock Farm 3.30pm
8 th October	Pre-School AGM 7.30pm
21 st October	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm
22 nd October	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
22 nd October	Blackrock visit to Roman Baths
23 rd October	Family Service in church at 2:30pm
24 th October	Inset day. School closed
27 th October	Half Term holiday begins
12 th November	School Photographer
14 th November	Children in Need day
10 th December	Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal in church 2pm
11 th December	Christmas Nativity Evening Performance in church at 6pm
18 th December	Christmas party for the children in the afternoon
19 th December	Puppet show for the children at Draycott and Rodney Stoke
19 th December	Carol Service in church at 2:30pm
22 nd December	Christmas holiday begins
	Return to school 5 th January 2015

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