



SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 2014  
**NEWSLETTER**



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a restful half term and enjoyed the good weather. Some reminders and information for the coming weeks:

#### **Emergency Closure**

Now we are approaching winter we are setting up our emergency closure procedure should the school need to close for snow, broken boilers etc. Each year we set up a telephone pyramid contact system to help tell all parents about school closures. If you **do not** wish your telephone number to be included in the system, please let Mrs Macleod know by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Photographer**

The photographer is here this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to take photographs of the children. If you wish to have a photo taken with siblings not in Shipham School, these can be done before 9am.

#### **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.

#### **Children in Need**

This Friday is Children in Need Day. This year we are encouraging the children to dress up as **Superheroes** for the day and ask for a donation of at least £1.00 to go towards Children in Need.

#### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Please ensure that all children are picked up at 3.15pm. If you are having trouble collecting at this time please see Mr Jory. Also a reminder that children need to be in school by 8.50am. Persistent lateness will incur unauthorized absence and further action.

#### **Student Teachers**

This half term we welcome two student teachers from SCITT, Mrs Pat Fox and Mr Owen Irish. They will be working with Blackrock and Mendip classes until Christmas.

### **Multisports – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Unfortunately Mrs Fournier is on a course this Friday and is unable to come back to school in time for multisports. We will therefore need to cancel multisports this Friday. Football will be run as normal. A refund for multisports will be carried forward to next term.

### **FOSS**

We are very grateful to FOSS for all their fundraising on behalf of the school. The recent 'Awesome Film Club' was a huge success and another one is planned on 3<sup>rd</sup> December – watch out for a letter from FOSS giving more details shortly.

### **Starting School - September 2015**

You can now apply for a school place for September 2015 online: [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions).

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

### **PE KITS**

There are still some children who do not have their PE kit in school. Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school every week, it would be useful to have some tracksuit/jogging bottoms in their bag now the weather is getting colder. Please also make sure that their daps fit.

### **ROMAN DAY**

To enhance their topic work this term on 'Romans', Blackrock Class will be having a Roman Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. They will be dressing up as a Roman for the day, making roman artefacts and learning about Roman numerals. Later this week they will have a visitor from the Roman Baths to show them roman coins.

### **DIARY DATES NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2014**

12 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 & 2 Cardiff Castle
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Roman Day – Blackrock Class
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Blackrock Class – Mendip Hills Project
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre-School Christmas Bonanza, Shipham Village Hall from 11am
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
17 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSS Christmas Raffle
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

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