



# Newsletter

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## **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Reception parents info meeting - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 2.30pm  
Blackberry picking – local visit for whole school - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Jeans for Genes day – wear jeans to school for a small donation Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
FOSS AGM - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Y5/6 swim gala – selected pupils only Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Y6 talented athletes - selected pupils only - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Black History month starts - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Shoreham Fort visit KS2 – 9.30-2.15 - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Willows & Oaks to see Stick Man @ The Capitol - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Festival service 9.30am @ church. Donations to Chestnut Tree Hospice - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Y3/4 Multiskills @ The Weald 1.30-3.00 - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Book Fair this week - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents evening 3.30- 5.30 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents evening 3.30- 6.00 - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
**INSET DAY – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Last Day of Term - 15<sup>th</sup> December**

## **Welcome to the new term**

The children have made an excellent start to the term and we are really pleased with how they have settled in to their new classes. Details of their topics is available on the website and we are updating this as quickly as possible.

We now have **86** pupils on roll at Shipley – our biggest number ever. Clubs are really popular this year and we have added extra capacity to meet the demand.

A list of dates is attached to the newsletter and paper copies are available from the office.

## **Year 6 parents**

Secondary school applications are now open and you should have received information this week about the application procedure.

## **COVID 19**

With the emergence of a new variant, COVID 19 appears to be on the rise locally and we currently have cases in our school community. Symptoms are varied and mild in most cases, similar to a cold.

You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms and test kits are no longer free.

If you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day you took your test if you are under 18 years old

try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over

avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test

For more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

## **RAAC**

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and, as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/04/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

## **Road safety**

We are delighted with the new 30mph zone on School Lane and the 20mph around the school. Many thanks to Sarah and the Parish Council for their support with this. It will make it safer for all road users – drivers, walkers, cyclists and horses. Because of the reduced speeds, we no longer need to operate the one-way system. We do, however, ask you to park considerately and safely. There are times when it is busier in the lane but safety is always paramount.

## **Sports events this term**

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 swim gala – selected pupils only
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 talented athletes - selected pupils only
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3/4 Multiskills @ The Weald 1.30-3.00
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Cross Country event - selected pupils only
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y2 Multiskills event @ The Weald 1.30-3.00

## **Services at St Mary's the virgin Church, Shipley**

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	Education Sunday
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	Family Service
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 10am	Harvest Service
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 10am	Family Service
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Service

## **FOSS**

Foss AGM is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00 am



## **GOLDEN BOOK**

When a child does something amazing, we like to celebrate the event in Friday's assembly.

WILLOWS	- All of Willows for a brilliant start to school.
OAKS	- Savanna for excellent focus and effort during reading time. Casey for showing a great Attitude to learning
ASH	- Rosie, for an excellent piece of writing about herself. Charlotte for excellent 2 x tables work
SYCAMORES	- Siennagrace, Sienna-Rose ad Charlie for a fantastic scientific drawing of the heart. Dylan for wonderful drawings based around WWI

Staff have golden tickets to give to children in Willows and Oaks. All golden tickets are put into a weekly draw. This week's winner is Oscar.

Kind regards

Jen Harvey and Jill Phillips