



The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children  
In an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best  
They can, now and throughout their lives.



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# Shalfleet CE Primary

## Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Why Does Attendance Matter?

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable
- poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly
- at least 1 million children take at least one half day off a year without permission
- 7.5 million School days are missed each year through unauthorised absence.

GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their desire to attend school regularly
- affect their confidence in school
- mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra-curricular opportunities and experiences
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Please see the attached information leaflet from The Department of Education.

Our school attendance target has been set at 96.5% for this academic year. Let's all work together to achieve this. Your support as always is much appreciated.



### After School Clubs

Clubs started again this week.  
Please do check the booking form, available on our website, for the dates clubs are running.  
[www.fosay.co.uk](http://www.fosay.co.uk).

## Easyfunding

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Yarmouth CE Primary School? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shalfleetprimary/> and join for free.
  2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
  3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!
- There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

# Activity Reports

## Southampton University Trip

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2018, Year 6 went on a trip to Southampton University; we had such an amazing time! We went with Mrs Blackley, Miss Lucas, Mr Richardson and Mrs Moran.

We arrived at school at ten past seven and got on a coach that transported us to the car ferry. Once we got off the ferry we got back on a coach which took us to the university.

First, we had an interesting chat about university with a quiz at the end: they also told us what we were going to be doing during the day.

Next, we went down to their aquarium to see all their sea creatures - they were all so fascinating! There were many variations of sea life like:

>Flatfish, Catfish, Jellyfish, Starfish, Anemones, Coral, Clownfish and Sea cucumbers.

Later, we went on a boat (The Callista) which was a trawler. We did light, temperature and salinity experiments. Afterwards, they used a huge net to do a sea trawl; when they pulled the net back up, it was full of horrible sludge which they sorted through to find creatures. Anything they found, they put in boxes of water for us to look at and hold. There were lots of different things like hermit crabs that walked on your hand; a long pipe fish that was a relative of the sea horse; starfish that stuck onto you; sea squirts that sprayed water and worms that lived in seaweed. Overall, it was an incredible experience!

We arrived back at school at half past five after a wonderful day.

By Jessica Guelbert

## The School Sleepover

Last Friday Yr5 and 6 (from both Yarmouth and Shalfleet) embarked on an ambitious target: to do 24 hours of sport. An exhausting task that only a P.E maniac like Mrs Blackley and her loyal colleagues would take on. We started the mammoth task at 5:30 continuing the rounders that yr3 and 4 had been playing since the end of school, we then got split and some of us went and got a snack and a drink and others played diamond cricket we then swapped.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Freshwater and Totland Scouts came in and did a carousel of activities run by Mike the scout leader the activities varied from putting up a tent to military style exercises. We were once again split into two groups and had jacket potatoes - which some people devoured hungrily- whilst the other group played a massive football match. Mr Clements scored an unexpected goal, which showed his pure talent in football, and along with that, Mr Cook scored a couple of goals but that was to be expected from him, James also had a good match having near misses at scoring a goal. The next fun activity was light up Frisbees which were very sought after when they landed as there were only three of them. After that we went back inside and had hot chocolate or juice; Jessica had bought in her badminton set so we all played badminton late into the night as well as archery, basketball at five in the morning and hockey to finish we played football cricket. Happy to finish but tired we went home.

By Elena Cowley

# Sports Reports

## Hockey Tournament

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May we played a hockey tournament at Smallbrooke stadium. We played 5 games and we won all of them! It was quite hard because a few of the other team's players were older than us. We worked together as a team supporting one and other. We are excited but a little nervous because we won are now through to the finals which is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

By Martha Taylor

## Hula hooping

The hula hooping went very well because we had a great teacher who was a performer. Her name was Miss Gina. She was very experienced and able to hula hoop brilliantly. She taught all the children a lot of tricks and made it look like they've hula hooped for years. We haven't. The good thing is, is that even the people that weren't able to hula hoop very well were even able to be taught some good tricks. My personal favourite hula hooping style was the one where you hula hooped with your knees but I also liked the one with the neck and the normal style. I couldn't get the one where you went from your neck to your hips without stopping but I still tried. I found out that there is a competition soon for who can hula hoop the longest and I want to enter that. I would recommend that you enter this competition when - or if you get the letter, you get a good prize.

By Sebastian Steel

## Race for life

Race for Life was so fun. In the morning we started it off with some of year 6 going outside and started playing basketball. Then through the day we played football, hockey, tennis and rounder's. In the afternoon we did running races, reception did 1 lap, year 1 did 1 lap, year 2 did 2 laps, year 3 did 3 laps, year 4 did 4 laps, year 5 did 5 laps and year 6 did 6 laps. That day everyone had to come to school in pink and everyone had to bring in £1 to raise money for cancer research. It was the best day ever.

By Joe Calder

# Dates For Your Diary

## Sports Day 4th July



Sports Day for the whole school. This will be run on a similar format to previous years. Children will be asked to come to school wearing their PE kit (in their house colour top); there will be races in the morning and a carousel of activities in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to come in to join us throughout the day, however, parents are asked to leave the premises during the children's lunch break. Please see the letter coming out next term with more details of this event.

Dates For Your Diary	
<b>June</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Forum 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rainbow Class Trip to Carisbrooke Castle
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Trip to Fort Victoria
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Trip to Blackgang Chine
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Transition days
28 <sup>th</sup>	Move up day
30 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Fayre
<b>July</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Portsmouth Cathedral Service
8 <sup>th</sup>	Agricultural Show at The County Ground Northwood - more details to follow
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term - summer holidays
<b>September</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school

### Collective Worship Dates

<b>June</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	- Gold book/Gold tickets
15 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 3 sharing
22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Gold book/Gold tickets
29 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 2 sharing
<b>July</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 1 sharing
13 <sup>th</sup>	- Achievements
20 <sup>th</sup>	- Leaver's service tbc

### Open the Book

Monday June 18th  
(rehearsal June 25th)  
Monday July 9th

**Parent Forum**  
Wednesday June 13th 2.00pm  
@ Shalfleet

