



## SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **Dates for diaries:**

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Arts Week

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Arts week celebration assembly @2:45pm in school hall

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Phonics Check week

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Jungle Class parent celebration assembly at 2:45pm in school hall

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Woodland Class Run Around Rounders festival @William Barnes

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Desert Class parent celebration assembly

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Talent Show

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

School PTA Summer Fair

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 5 and 6 going to Sturminster Newton High School – Sporting Challenge Day

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Transition Day

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Ocean Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear parents/carers,

### **Arts week**

We are holding our annual arts week this week! Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The theme this year is 'puppets!' We warmly welcome parents/carers to the celebration assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 2:45pm, to share all the children's art work.

### **School attendance**

The school's overall attendance figures have been steadily dropping over this academic year, so much so that the school is now in one of the lowest quintiles nationally. It is important that every parent and carer understands that term time holiday cannot be authorised by the headteacher and that vital teaching and learning time is lost when children are taken out of school. Every holiday that is taken, contributes to the overall attendance figure of the school. Attendance figures are regularly analysed by both the school and external authorities, including OFSTED. OFSTED inspectors will make a judgement on the school about attendance under Section 2 of the report on behaviour and safety when they inspect the school. We appreciate everyone's support in trying to improve our attendance figures.

**Dates for diaries:**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Day (Back-up Sports Day is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

School reports out to parents

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Last day of term

2:30pm Leaver's service in Holy Rood Church

**Year 1 Phonics Check**

All of the Year 1 children (and Year 2 children who did not meet the standard last year) will be completing their Phonics Check during the week of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Whitehouse-Sharpe will be conducting the checks and the results will be published in the children's school reports at the end of this term.

**Jungle Class Parent celebration Assembly**

We look forward to welcoming all parents/carers of children in Jungle Class for their celebration assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. It will be held in the school hall at 2:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Mrs Bennett will be leaving at the end of term**

It is with sadness that I announce that Mrs Lucy Bennett will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has secured a teaching post in a local private school. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her every success for the future and thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school over the years.

There is a recruitment process in place, to find a teacher to job share with Mrs Nicky Bray. When I have an update on this matter, I will let everyone know.

**OFSTED congratulations to bright Sparks Nursery**

We extend our congratulations to Bright Sparks Nursery, which is next door to our school, who have been graded by OFSTED as Good across all areas. This is a fantastic achievement – well done!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe



