



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June

Year 1 Phonics Check week

Friday 17th June

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

Tuesday 21st June

Woodland Class Run Around Rounders festival @William Barnes

Friday 24th June

Desert Class parent celebration assembly

Friday 1st July

Talent Show

Saturday 2nd July

School PTA Summer Fair

Monday 4th July

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

Thursday 7th July

Transition Day

Friday 8th July

Ocean Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 13th July

Sports Day (Back-up Sports Day is on Thursday 14th July)

Friday 15th July

School reports out to parents

Wednesday 20th July

Last day of term

Wednesday 15th June 2016

Dear parents/carers,

Arts week success

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Arts Week assembly on Friday, for our production of 'The selfish Giant.' It was lovely to see all the children's puppets they had made in the workshops as well as look at the props and scenery they had made and we



enjoyed listening to the sounds they created to support the puppet play. Well done to all the children!

Jungle Class parent celebration assembly

We look forward to welcoming all the parents/carers of the children in Jungle Class for their celebration assembly. The assembly will take place in the school hall at 2:45pm on Friday 17th June 2016.

Recruitment success!

We are pleased to announce that we have employed an experienced teacher to teach year 5 and 6 (Desert Class) to cover Mrs Vail's maternity leave. Her name is Mrs Clasby and we hope that she will be able to join us on the transition day on Thursday 7th July to meet all the children in her new class.

Woodland Class Run Around Rounders – 21st June

Class 2 have a very exciting day planned, which is the annual pyramid Run Around Rounders festival being held at William Barnes. This will be a fun-filled day, which I am sure all the children will really enjoy. Please make sure your child has their lunch and PE kit on the day!

Jungle Class and Woodland Class Longleat trip – 30th June

Letters have gone home with full details of the trip. If you do not want the school to provide a packed lunch, please let the school office know by Wednesday 22nd June, so that we can cancel them. Thank you for your co-operation.

School attendance

I have included this article again, from last week, as it is important that all parents and carers are aware of this issue.

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.

Celebrating Ofsted success at Bright Sparks Shillingstone (written by the Bright Sparks team)

We are very pleased to announce our recent Ofsted has been graded 'Good' in all areas of development. We are able to take 2, 3 and 4 year funded children. Bright Sparks in Shillingstone cater for children from 18 months to school age and are open term time.

Ofsted say, 'Children are confident, display high levels of self-esteem and feel emotionally secure'

They saw that partnerships with parents are good and the liaison between home and the nursery helps to ensure that all the children's needs were met. The children are happy and settle quickly in a welcoming environment. Activities are planned to help develop the children's skills and close gaps in their learning. The children are safe and recruitment is robust to ensure the safety of the children. Our children have fun while learning and are ready to face their next stage in their education. The staff always work very hard to ensure that the children are offered the best early years education and work closely with Shillingstone school to ensure that the children are ready to transfer when they reach school age. Their dedication was seen by the Ofsted inspector, who quoted; 'Staff have a strong drive to improve the nursery and promote good outcomes for children'. We are thrilled with our 'Good' Ofsted!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

