



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

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Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Dates for diaries:

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Donations to come into school for Harvest offering to Blandford Foodbank

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Book Fair

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

PTA Village photo trail and BBQ at the Old Ox – times tbc

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Family service at Holy Rood Church

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

PTA Fancy Dress 'spooky' disco – All children together from 6:15pm – 7:30pm.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

PTA adult disco @ The Portman Hall – times tbc

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Half term

### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Staff training day

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Children due back into school

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Parents' Evenings

Dear parents/carers,

### **School Census on 6<sup>th</sup> October**

The school has lots of information to return to the Local Authority on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Pupil numbers and various other factors are used to calculate our budget for April 2017.

Could all parents please assist the process by letting the school office know the following about their child:

- The country of birth;
- Nationality;
- Mode of transport to school

This information is needed for each child attending school.

Also, if you are eligible for Pupil Premium (extra funding for the school to support your child's progress) please apply through the school office or simply call 01305 221000 or go online to [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

The only information you will need to have to make an application is your National Insurance number. You are eligible if you have an income of less than £16,190 or are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support;
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit;
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance;
- Employment Support Allowance;
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and

Asylum Act 1999

It is really important that you make this application because even if you do not want to take up the free school meals, the school gains extra funding that can be used to support

the child's learning or to pay for school educational trips, without any parental contributions.

Please apply even if your child is in Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 and you are already receiving a hot school meal.

### **Book Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be holding our annual book fair after school from next Monday to Thursday. The school earns books for the library on commission from sales to parents. Books can be viewed and taken home once paid for during the 4 days. It's a chance to start your Christmas shopping!

### **Harvest assembly**

Just a reminder to bring any dried/tinned foodstuffs to school on Friday for our Harvest assembly. All donations will be given to Blandford Food Bank.

All parents/carers are invited to the Church Harvest Family Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Applications to start school in September 2017**

If your child is born between 1 September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, you must apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Applications can be made online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions)

### **Applications to transfer to Secondary School in September 2017**

Applications are now open to apply for a place in High School for September 2017. Please apply online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions) The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

### **Volunteer readers**

We are looking for some volunteers to come into school to listen to children read. If you are able to offer a couple of hours during the week, we would be very pleased to hear from you! It really makes a big difference for children to have a regular adult to read to! Please speak to the office if you are interested in volunteering.

### **After School provision**

The governing body is looking again at the possibility and viability of offering after school, wrap around provision for children in our school. We are very aware that working families rely on this facility, so please look out for information in the future regarding this issue.

### **Name the Cat Competition**

The winner of the above competition was Pippa in Year 1, who named the cat **Masee**. Pippa will be taking the cat home tonight. Thank you to all who guessed a name, £11 was raised towards Alfie's bed.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Thank you to all parents and family who handed in vouchers for the school. We have taken delivery of a box of shuttlecocks, 3 mesh sports bags, 2 catch balls and a 5 pack of Action Trainers.

\*\*\*\*\* PTA *Halloween* Adult Disco \*\*\*\*\*

Saturday 29th October

Portman Hall

7.30pm - Midnight

Fancy dress (optional), bar and nibbles

Tickets £7.50 in advance from Sarah Netherway (Daisy's Mum) or Rachel Oakley (Antonia and Georgia's Mum)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe



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**School Census**

**Name of Child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nationality** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mode of Transport to School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to school office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.**