



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 12th October 2016

Dates for diaries:

Sunday 16th October

Harvest Family service at Holy Rood Church

Friday 21st October

Ocean Class Parent Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm in the school hall.

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

Saturday 29th October

PTA adult disco @ The Portman Hall – times tbc

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Half term

Monday 31st October

Staff training day

Tuesday 1st November

Children due back into school

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November

Parents' Evenings

Dear parents/carers,

Attendance figures

We will be awarding the Attendance Cup at the end of this half term. Current attendance figures are:

Jungle Class – 98.11%

Woodland Class – 99.07%

Ocean Class - 97.38%

Desert Class -96.04%

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at our school Book Fair. We raised a commission of £195, which we will be spending on books for the school library.

Tag Rugby success!

Congratulations to the Tag Rugby team who won the Pyramid Tag Rugby tournament on Thursday 6th October. The team played brilliantly, with a great team spirit! Well done to Ben, Eddie, Aiden, Will, Dexter, Tom D, Lucas G, Isabelle R, Josh G, Henry T.



Music lessons

If any parent is interested in their child having 1:1 music lessons, Mrs Cooper now has a slot available. Lessons cost £16 per half hour and there are usually 10-12 lessons per term. Please speak to Mrs Sharpe in the school office if you are interested.

Harvest family service in Church

All families are warmly invited to the Church service this Sunday (16th October) at 10:30am at Holy Rood Church.

Hot school meals

Every child has been issued with the menu choice for the second half of the Autumn term. If you wish the school to order meals on your behalf, please send in choices and money (if applicable) to the school office by Thursday 20th October at latest.

Please remember that meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and you do not need to have a hot meal every day.

Spooky PTA Disco

The PTA are hosting a disco on Friday 21st October. All children will be able to attend from 6:15pm – 7:30pm. The cost is £1.50.

Ocean Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Parents/carers of children in Ocean Class are warmly invited to join us for the celebration assembly at 2:45pm on Friday 21st October. We look forward to seeing you all.

Leeson House Parent meeting

Children in Year 5 will have an overnight visit to Leeson House on Thursday 10th November. Mrs Swaffield will lead a parent information meeting regarding the visit on Thursday 20th October at 3:15pm. All parents of year 5 children are welcome to come along.

Transfer to Secondary School – September 2017

If your child is due to transfer to High School next September, please apply for a place by 31st October 2016. Please go to: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions

Parent Forum meeting

We will be holding the next Parent Forum meeting on 22nd November at 5pm. Please make sure you talk to your year group representatives, so that your ideas and thoughts can be shared. We are still looking for a Reception Class representative. Please see Mrs Whitehouse-Sharpe if you are interested in representing the parents in that year group.

After School provision

The governors have recently carried out a parent survey and have gone through detailed costing for a possible after school provision. The lack of numbers interested in attending an after school club against the cost of running a club have proved not to be viable and therefore it has been decided not to go forward with this at the current time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Parent Evenings

Parent meeting appointment letters have gone out today. Please select appointment times that are suitable to you and return to school before next Wednesday so that we can send out confirmed appointments before half term. If you are unable to make the dates provided please see your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time out with these dates. We hope to see all parents.

School Uniform

We have had a delivery of uniform so if you have been unable to get uniform from Tesco please ask at the school office to see if we have what you would like in stock.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

