



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

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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Dates for diaries:

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

Year 6 leavers' service and last day of term

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

INSET days

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Children due back in school for Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup> half

Dear parents/carers,

### **Attendance figures**

Whole school attendance from September to Friday: 96.08 %

Please remember that term time holiday cannot be authorised by the headteacher.

Current attendance figures for Summer term 2<sup>nd</sup> half are:

Jungle Class – 97.33 %

Woodland Class – 95.18%

Ocean Class – 92.57%

Desert Class – 97.96%

### **Sports Day**

We all enjoyed a great day of sporting events last Thursday. Overall the winners were Glorious Gorillas! Thank you to those who were able to come and support the children despite us having to change the day at the last minute due to the weather.

### **Cinderella and Rickerfella**

We hope you were able to come along to one of the performances of our school production. I am so proud of all the children, they put on a marvellous show.

### **School Meals – September**

The menus have been issued for September. Please remember if your child will be moving up to Class 3, they will now have to pay £2.30 per meal. **Also, please remember to log on and order your child's meals before 30<sup>th</sup> August for the first week of term.**

### **End of year reports**

The end of year reports have been issued. Please return the slip to confirm receipt of report before the end of term.

### **Bikeability – Day 2**

Please ensure that those children who are taking part in the Bikeability training have their bicycle and cycling helmet with them tomorrow to complete their training.

Dear Parents,

Here is an outline of the workshops and dates for this summer, full details as usual on our website. Bookings can be made by email or call us on 01747 812593.

Tuesday 25th July and Monday 14th August, Clay Days with Des Alner. A two part workshop to focus on building a larger piece of claywork on the first day, then glazing on the second. Age 8+ £45 for 2 days

Wednesday 26th July and Friday 28th July, Wednesday 2nd, Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th August, Merry Go Round with Des Alner and/or Esme Alner. Age 5+ £20

Monday 31st July, Wood Work Day with Des Alner. Age 8+ £25

Tuesday 1st August, Jewellery Design and make with Sam Compton. Age 5+ £25

Tuesday 1st August, Mosaics with Des Alner. Age 8+ £25

Thursday 3rd August, 'Let's Print!' with Esme Alner. Age 10+ £25

Thursday 3rd August, Sculpture Day with Des Alner. Age 8+ £25

Tuesday 8th August, Drawing Skills with Des Alner. Age 10+ £25

Tuesday 8th August, Action Figures Sculpture with Peter Rush. Age 8+ £25

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th August, Stone Carving with Des Alner.. Age 10+ £45 for 2 days.

Thursday 10th August, Japanese Koi Wind Socks with Esme Alner. Age 10+ £20

Monday 15th August, Dragon Making with Peter Rush. Age 8+ £25

Have a happy and fun filled summer!

Des and Julie

**Higher Green Farm Arts**

<http://www.highergreenfarmarts.co.uk>

## **PTA News**

**LEAVER'S KARAOKE DISCO – TONIGHT**

6 - 7PM

FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

**WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT**

### Spiritual Garden Update

As you may have spotted, the garden is progressing nicely with the construction of the seat well under way. A resident in Shillingstone has made a stunning arch which will be the start of the Spiritual Garden journey, and a local stone mason has beautifully carved a stone which can be seen when sitting on the curved seat.

Our aim is to have the construction work completed by the end of the holidays so that the children can help with planting and other areas of the project when they return to school in September. We are very much looking forward to opening the garden in the next academic year and we will be delighted to invite back the current Year 6's (and last year's Year 6) to join us at this event.

Over the Summer break we would like the children to collect a pebble from a beach or garden and bring them into school in September. With help from the teachers we will write a prayer/thought on each stone which will then be placed in a vessel in the garden.

Thank you again for all your fundraising and support which has made this project possible.

See you in September!

Rachel Oakley

### PTA Summer Fair Success

Thank you again to everyone who supported this event which raised just under **£950!**

This is a brilliant amount which will go towards events, outings, equipment and other necessities for the children.

Please keep up your support!

Many thanks.

### **Leavers Service – Friday**

We will have our leaver's service in church at 2.30pm on Friday. All parents and friends are welcome to join us and wish our Year 6 children all the best as they look forward to the next chapter in their education. All children should be collected from church at 3.15pm unless you have contacted the school office to arrange for your child to walk back to school with the staff.

Wishing you all a happy, sunny summer break.

We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Yours sincerely,**

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe