



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

WoW Write

The dates for the Wow Writing (WoW talking in Jungle Class) this term are:

Friday 15th September, Friday 6th October, Thursday 19th October, Friday 10th November, Friday 1st December

Wednesday 13th September

Start of Term Service in the school hall at 2:45 – 3:15pm
All parents/carers warmly invited

Thursday 14th September

Full Governing Body meeting at 7pm

Monday 2nd October – Thursday 5th October

School book Fair in school atrium 3:15 – 4:15pm

Friday 13th October

Individual/Family portraits – Fraser Portraits photographers

Friday 20th October

Last day of Autumn term 1st half

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Half term

Monday 30th October

INSET day

Tuesday 31st October

Children due back into school

Thursday 16th November

PTA Bag2School collection

Thursday 23rd November – Friday 24th November

Year 5 residential to Leeson House

Friday 1st December

PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 15th December

Whole school trip to The Lighthouse Theatre – pantomime – Last day of Autumn term 2nd half

Tuesday 2nd January

INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January

Children due back in school for Spring term 1st half

Thursday 7th September 2017

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term 1st half. I hope you have all had a lovely Summer holiday and are ready for the new academic year. A particular warm welcome to all the new parents of children in Jungle Class – I hope you child settles quickly into the school routines and enjoys all that school can offer. Please remember my door is always open if you have any queries.

Attendance

Please find attached an information sheet regarding attendance and the attendance process in our school. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this. Improving children's attendance levels is a key priority for our school because our percentage attendance was below the national expectation last academic year.

Whole School Start of the Term Church service

Every term we hold a Start of the Term Church service. This year, the service will be held in the school hall from 2:45pm to 3:15pm. All parents and carers are warmly welcomed to the service. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Parent Tea Party

We would like to invite all new parents/carers to a parent tea party on Wednesday 13th September between 3:15pm – 4pm in the school atrium. The majority of staff members will be present for you to meet and it will be an opportunity to ask any questions about school. We look forward to meeting you then!

Website and Curriculum letters

In the coming week, each class teacher will be sending home a curriculum letter. This letter will inform you of the curriculum areas that will be taught this term and details about homework. This information will also be displayed on the school website, which can be found at: <http://www.shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk/>

We are continually up-dating the school website – it contains lots of useful information for parents and carers, including the weekly newsletter.

Timetable changes to cover planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time for teachers

We will be covering PPA time in a different way this academic year. Please see below the timetable of ‘lead staff’ that will be teaching the classes on a Friday afternoon, which includes Topic work, Golden Time and Celebration Assembly time. All teachers will be in school completing their PPA activities during this term.

Class 1 Friday pm Mrs Panther	Class 2 Friday pm Mrs Lowe supported by Mrs Sanders (Mrs Hillier PPA)	Class 3 Friday pm Mrs Wood supported by Miss Ryan (Mrs Swaffield PPA)	Class 4 Friday pm Mrs Whitehouse-Sharpe (Mrs Vail PPA)
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Visitors to the school

I would like to remind all parents and carers that they must report to the school office when entering the school grounds. There were a number of occasions last term when parents came to school to drop-off their child’s bicycle and went straight up to the bicycle shed. Your co-operation and support with this safeguarding matter is much appreciated.

Whole school trip to the pantomime

As you can see from the calendar, we have organised a whole school trip and have booked places for every child at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. This trip will be on the last day of the Autumn term – Friday 15th December. We will let you know further details in the coming weeks regarding this trip.

Shillingstone history exhibition in Holy Rood Church

There is a history exhibition being held on Thursday 14th September at Holy Rood Church. We have been asked to donate ‘jam jars of flowers’ which will be put on each of the graves in Holy Rood Church grounds. If you able to contribute to this, we would be grateful to receive the jam jars on the morning of Thursday 14th September. Many thanks for your support!

Congratulations to Ryan - ALL ENGLAND U10 Skiing Champion 2017

Ryan has been very busy over the Summer holiday, training and racing against the best skiers in the country. We are very proud to announce that he is now the All England U10 skiing champion for 2017! An amazing achievement! Well done Ryan!



Yours sincerely,
Mrs J Whitehouse-Sharpe

