



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

Monday 2nd October – Thursday 5th October
School book Fair in school atrium 3:15 – 4:15pm

Monday 9th October

Cake sale after school

Friday 13th October

Individual/Family portraits – Fraser Portraits photographers

Wednesday 18th October

2:45pm Desert Class Parent Celebration Assembly

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

Wednesday 8th October and Friday 10th November

Parents' evenings

Thursday 16th November

PTA Bag2School collection

Friday 20th October

2:45pm harvest Festival in school hall

Thursday 23rd November – Friday 24th November

Year 5 residential to Leeson House

Friday 1st December

PTA Christmas Carols in the atrium

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 28th September 2017





Dear parents/carers,

Attendance figures

Whole school attendance from 6th September to Friday 22nd September: 98.65 %

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

Current attendance figures for each class are:

Jungle Class – 97.69%	Woodland Class – 99.36%	Ocean Class – 99.04%	Desert Class – 98.01%
			

Morning routines

We are thrilled that all the children have settled well into their new classes. Now that all the children know the morning routines, we respectfully ask that parents drop children off outside the classroom. This allows the children to build up independence skills and allows them to start the morning learning tasks that teachers have set. Many thanks for your support.

Lighthouse 4th October

All children in Year 2 – 6 are warmly welcomed to Shillingstone Church Centre for Lighthouse on 4th October between 5:30pm – 7pm.

School census 6th October

Each term we are required to complete a census with information relating to the children at school. Our budget for the following financial year is calculated from our Autumn census. As budgets are being squeezed we need to claim all funding available to us.

We get extra funding for any children who are eligible for free school meals. Even if your child receives the universal

free school meal (Reception through to Year 2) we would like parents to apply for the free school meal status. Apart from a free hot meal throughout your child's education the school gets an extra £1320 per child.

You will be eligible if you receive

- Income Support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income (as assessed by The Inland Revenue) which from 6 April 2010 does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please contact Dorset County Council on 01305 221000 and have your National Insurance Number and Date of Birth to hand. You will be told immediately if your child qualifies.

Cake Sale – Monday 9th October

We will be holding a cake sale after school on Monday 9th October, to raise money for the school. Due to the budget cuts that our school is facing, we are trying to raise money in-house to help support our school activities. We would be very grateful for cake donations on the morning of Monday 9th October – all cake donations can be placed on the cabinets in the school atrium. Your support is much appreciated.

Starting School in September 2018

If your child is born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you must apply for a school place by 15th January 2018.

Applications online at

www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions

Transfer to High School in September 2018

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2018 you must apply for a school place by 31st October 2017.

Applications online at

www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival in the school hall on Friday 20th October at 2:45pm. We would be grateful to receive any canned/tinned food donations which we will be giving to Blandford Foodbank. Please could food donations be brought into school that week and placed on the cabinets in the school atrium. Your support is much appreciated! We look forward to seeing you at the service.

Sturminster Newton High School Open Evening

Sturminster Newton High School will be holding an open evening for all Year 5 and 6 parents on Thursday 28th September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

