



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER · TOGETHER WE LEARN

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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

Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October

British Values week

Friday 13th October

Individual/Family portraits – Fraser Portraits photographers

PTA Spooky movie night

Wednesday 18th October

2:45pm Desert Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th October

Last day of Autumn term 1st half

Friday 20th October

2:45pm harvest Festival in school hall

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Half term

Monday 30th October

INSET day

Tuesday 31st October

Children due back into school

Friday 3rd November

PTA Spooky Disco 6-7:30pm

Wednesday 8th November and Friday 10th November

Parents' evenings

Thursday 16th November

PTA Bag2School collection

Saturday 18th November

PTA Quiz Night 8pm at the Portman 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 5th October 2017





Dear parents/carers,

Attendance figures

Whole school attendance up to Friday 29th September: 98.22 %

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

Current attendance figures for each class are:

Jungle Class – 97.22%	Woodland Class – 98.89%	Ocean Class – 98.41%	Desert Class – 97.84%
			

OFSTED

We had a one day inspection on Thursday 28th September. I will share the report with you when we receive it but would like to thank all parents who completed the parents views questionnaire.

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.

Book Fair

We have had books on sale each day from 3:15pm – 4pm. Tonight is the last opportunity to purchase books. The school receives free books to a value that is dependent on sales.

British Values week Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October

We will be holding our British Values week next week. Every class will be involved in class workshops linked to the British Values. We hope the children enjoy the activities on offer.

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.

Fraser Portraits – Friday 13th October

Fraser Portraits will be taking individual and family photographs on Friday 13th October.

Friday 13th October – PTA Spooky Movie Night

The children are invited back into school on Friday 13th October between 6-8pm for a 'Spooky Movie Night.' There will be three movies available – Hocus Pocus (PG), Curious George Boo Fest (U) and Ghostbusters (PG). All Reception children will watch Curious George and the children from the other classes will be able to choose. However, parents need to be aware that the other two films are PG. The children will be given movie snacks, hot chocolate and biscuits. The cost is £2 per child. We hope the children have a lovely time!

Spiritual Garden

Over the Summer break the curved seat in the Spiritual Garden has been nearly completed - a huge thank you to the parents who took this challenge on! With the basic structure of the garden well under way, we are keen to proceed with preparing the ground surfaces and planting. We are planning a working party weekend on 14th/15th October when we will put down a ground membrane and spread wood chips over it. There will be other smaller jobs too, such as weeding. Once these tasks are complete the children can start helping with planting which will take place in Golden Time on Friday afternoons.

Our aim is that the children can enjoy using the garden later this term, with an official opening date set for the Spring.

If anyone feels they can spare some time to help on Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th October please could you get in touch with me.

Many thanks, Rachel Oakley. Tel: 07939 236 472

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT HOLY ROOD CHURCH

All children are invited to bring bunches of flowers on Saturday morning 14th October to decorate the church for harvest. If you would like to bring a donation for the Food Bank, please make sure it is non-perishable and in good date, and leave it in front of the altar. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the harvest Festival on Sunday 15th at 11am with a Bring and Share lunch afterwards in the Church Centre.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

