



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 7th December 2017

Dates for diaries:

Thursday 7th December

Nativity performance at 6pm in the school hall

Friday 8th December

PTA Christmas party for all the children

Friday 15th December

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

Sunday 17th December

Skittles for a turkey at the Old Ox pub 2pm-5pm

Tuesday 2nd January

INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January

Children due back in school for Spring term 1st half





Dear parents/carers,

Attendance figures

Whole school attendance from 6th September to 1st December is 96.35%

Please remember that term time holiday cannot be authorised by the headteacher – all term time holiday will be classified as unauthorised.

Current attendance figures for each class are:

Jungle Class –94.31%	Woodland Class –94.86%	Ocean Class –96.13%	Desert Class – 96.06%
			

Christmas carols in the atrium and Christmas trees

Thank you to all the children and families who came back to school on Friday evening for the PTA fundraising evening. It certainly got us all in the festive mood singing the carols in the atrium and seeing all the Christmas trees in the front playground. Thank you to everyone who bought a Christmas tree and to the PTA for organising the fundraising event.

Nativity

I hope everyone who came to yesterday's matinee performance enjoyed the nativity. The evening performance is tonight (Thursday 7th) at 6pm. Please have the children at school for 5:30pm so that they can get changed into their costumes. If you are not staying for the performance, please could you pick up your child at 6:40pm.

PTA Christmas party – Friday 8th December

It is the PTA Christmas Party tomorrow (Friday 8th December). Children may come into school in their party/non-uniform clothes. The PTA have arranged a visit from Santa and entertainment. You do not need to send a lunchbox as the PTA will be providing lunch for everyone. Thank you to the PTA for organising an exciting day for all the children!

Cake sale

On Monday 11th December we will be holding a cake sale at 3:15pm in aid of school funds. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received.

Whole school singing at The Portman Hall to the Shillingstone senior citizens

On Tuesday 12th December the whole school will be walking down to the Portman Hall for our annual visit to the Shillingstone senior citizens. The children will be singing Christmas carols to the senior citizens and sending warm Christmas wishes from the whole school.

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Children may come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers for a donation of £1 which will go to Save the Children. At lunchtime, Local Food Links will be serving their roast turkey lunch (or a vegetarian alternative).

After school clubs

After school clubs finish tomorrow (Friday 8th) for the Autumn term. New clubs lists will be sent out in January for commencement week beginning 15th January.

End of term service

We will be holding our end of term service in Church on Thursday 14th December at 2:45pm. Children should be collected from Church at 3:15pm. If you would like your child to walk back to school with the staff, please inform the office before the day. All parents/carers are very welcome to come along.

Whole school trip to the Lighthouse Poole to watch pantomime Cinderella

We are looking forward to taking all the children to the pantomime on the last day of term – Friday 15th December. Please make sure your child comes into school in their school uniform and that they have a break time snack, packed lunch and drink in a bag. Parents who have ordered a packed lunch through Local Food Links do not have to send a packed lunch with their child. We will be leaving school promptly at 9am so please ensure your child is in school promptly by 8:50am. We will return to school before the end of the school day.

Hot school meals

The new menus have been issued for the Spring term. Please remember to login with your child's unique code to order meals. If you have mislaid your code you can get a copy of it from the school office.

School Council sponsored PE activities

A **HUGE** thank-you to everyone who collected sponsorship money for the School Council PE activities which took place on Tuesday 21st November. The children had a fun time joining in with all the activities and raised a fantastic £837.65. The money raised will be used to fund a first aid day for all the children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe
Head Teacher

