



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

Thursday 14th December 2017

Dates for diaries:

Thursday 14th December

End of Term Service in Church at 2.45pm

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 2-5pm

Tuesday 2nd January

INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January





Children due back in school for Spring term 1st half

Attendance figures

Whole school attendance from 6th September to 8th December is 96.38%

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

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn term 2nd half are:

Jungle Class –94.94%	Woodland Class –95.57%	Ocean Class –96.18%	Desert Class – 95.66%
			

Well done o the 26 children, who had 100% attendance for the Autumn term!

PTA Christmas party

A big ‘thank-you’ to the PTA for hosting a super Christmas party for all the children on Friday. We had a visit from Father Christmas, entertainment and a lovely lunch, to which the staff were also invited. All the children had a lovely day and we are very grateful for all the PTA support.



Pyramid Christmas carol service

Thank you to the parents who transported their children to and from Sturminster Newton High School to take part in the Pyramid Carol Concert. We had a great turn-out and all the children sang beautifully.

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Cake Sale. We raised £44.15 towards school funds.

Local Food Link Christmas lunch / Christmas jumper day

Yesterday, Local Food Links held their annual hot Christmas lunch and children came into school wearing their Christmas jumpers. We raised £81.00 for Save the Children Fund. Thank you for supporting this event.

North Dorset Sports/Art competition



Earlier this term, our Young Ambassadors organised for the school to be involved in a competition. This was open to all schools in North Dorset and asked children to design a medal which would be given to winning schools in next year's Dorset School Games. Lots of our children entered with our Young Ambassadors then choosing three finalists to be sent forward to be judged by the North Dorset School Games Organiser. We are thrilled to announce that Georgina (Year 6) has been chosen as the overall winner of the competition! Well done Georgina – it was a fantastic design!-

Cinderella pantomime

We are all very excited and looking forward to our pantomime visit tomorrow. Our coaches are due to leave school at 9am so please ensure your child arrives at school at 8:45am promptly, in order to be registered and have the opportunity to visit the toilet before we leave. Please remember that children should be wearing their school uniform as usual. We hope the children have a fantastic time!

Sunday 17th December

The PTA will be running a game of skittles with a chance to win a turkey. The event will be held at The Old Ox between 2pm and 5pm. £1 for 3 balls for adults and 50p for 3 balls for children. Come and have a fun afternoon, you may even win a turkey!

Christmas Eve – Crib and Christingle Service at 3pm and 4.30pm

Last year's Crib and Christingle Service at Shillingstone Church was so popular that there will be two services this year. Come at 3pm or 4.30pm, whichever suits you best. No need to book. A great start to Christmas!

Happy Christmas!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

School opens for the children on Wednesday 3rd January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

