



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 4th January 2018

Dates for diaries:

Friday 5th January

Start of Spring term Church service – to be held in school at 2:45pm

Sunday 21st January

Education Sunday Church service at Okeford Fitzpaine church at 10am

Friday 9th February

Last day of Spring 1st half term

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Half term

Monday 19th February

Children due back into school for Spring 2nd half term

Thursday 29th March

Last day of Spring 2nd half term

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Easter holidays

Monday 16th April

Children due back into school for Summer 1st half term





Dear parents/carers,

Attendance figures

Whole school attendance from 6th September until 15th December is 95.55%

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 Spring term 1st half will start next week:

Jungle Class –%	Woodland Class –%	Ocean Class –%	Desert Class –%
			

Start of Spring term Church service

We will have our Start of Spring term church service **in school** on Friday 5th January. The service will be held in the school hall at 2:45pm. All parents and family members are warmly welcome to join us.

After school clubs

All children have been given the after school clubs on offer this term. Clubs commence on Monday 15th January. Please return the choices requested no later than Wednesday 10th January.

Hot school meals

Please remember to order your child's meals for this half term. If you have mislaid your unique code you will be able to get a copy from the school office.

KS2 swimming

Children in KS2 have taken home a letter this week informing you of the dates your child will be swimming. Swimming hats are available from the school office for £1.00. children will be returning to school at 3:30pm due to our use of Riversmeet Swimming Pool in Gillingham this year.

Private music lessons with Mrs Cooper

For those children who have private music lessons, these commence on Tuesday 9th January.

Children due to start school in September 2018

Applications for children who are due to start school in September 2018 close on Monday 15th January 2018. You can apply online at www.dorsetfroyou.com/school-admissions

Spring census day

Our Spring census day is Thursday 18th January. This is the snapshot date when our hot school meals allowance is calculated for the next financial year. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply before this date by telephoning Dorset County Council on 01305 221000. You will need your date of birth and national insurance number. You will be told immediately if you are eligible. Even if your child is already receiving a free meal through the government KS1 scheme, please apply as it gives the school much needed extra funding.

Congratulations to Mrs Sanders and Mrs Sharpe!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Mrs Sanders who is expecting her first baby in June!
Mrs Sharpe (school office) also got married in the holidays and is now Mrs Watson!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

