



# SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Dates for diaries:

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Education Sunday Church service at Okeford Fitzpaine church at 10am

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Last day of Spring 1<sup>st</sup> half term

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Half term

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Children due back into school for Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half term

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Last day of Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> half term

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter holidays

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Children due back into school for Summer 1<sup>st</sup> half term





Dear parents/carers,

## **Attendance figures**

Whole school attendance from 6.9.17 to 5.1.18 is 96.50%

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 1<sup>st</sup> half are:

Jungle Class –98.89%	Woodland Class –98.33%	Ocean Class –96.43%	Desert Class – 92.59%
			

## **After school clubs**

All after school clubs will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You will have received a confirmation slip for clubs your child has been given a place in. Please remember if your child is doing football they must have shin pads and studded boots.

## **Ukulele lessons**

Children in Ocean Class have been given the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. Please ensure they bring their instrument to school on a Tuesday and encourage them to practice each week. Many thanks.

## **Spring census day**

Our Spring census day is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 if you are eligible as it gives the school much needed extra funding.

## **Children due to start school in September 2018**

Applications for children who are due to start school in September 2018 close on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. You can apply online at

[www.dorsetfroyou.com/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetfroyou.com/school-admissions)

### Education Sunday service

There will be a service in Okeford Fitzpaine Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Children from the local schools will be taking part. All families are welcome to attend. The service starts at 10am.

### Head lice

Head lice have been identified in school once again. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Dragonflies – Request for help!

Dragonflies is Shillingstone's friendly parent and child group, for babies and children under 5, which is held every **Thursday morning** at the **Portman Hall** from **9:30am – 11:30am**. We're looking for an extra **one or two volunteers to help run Dragonflies**, so that we can continue to offer this valuable provision for parents in the village who might enjoy a cuppa and a chat while their children enjoy art/craft and playing with lots of toys!

If you feel you may be able to help, please contact Julie Barlow on: 07738 061100 or at: [martandju@sky.com](mailto:martandju@sky.com)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

