



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 11th January 2018

Dates for diaries:

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 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 1st 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 15th 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 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 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 15th January 2018. You can apply online at

www.dorsetfroyou.com/school-admissions

Education Sunday service

There will be a service in Okeford Fitzpaine Church on Sunday 21st 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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

