



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Thursday 13th September

Full Governing Board meeting 7pm

Week beginning Monday 17th September

After school clubs start

Tuesday 25th September

Year 2 Football festival @ Shillingstone
3:45pm – 5pm (Letters to come out)

Wednesday 26th September

Start of term service at Holy Rood Church
2:30pm (Children to be collected from Church
at the end of the day)

Monday 8th October

Parents evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 17th October

Parents evening 3:30pm – 5pm

Thursday 18th October

Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby festival @ Hazelbury
3:45pm – 5pm (Letters to come out)

Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Half term

Monday 29th October

Children due back in school – Start of Autumn
term 2nd half

Thursday 13th September 2018





Dear parents/carers,

It was good to see so many of you in attendance at the ‘Start of the year’ meetings with class teachers this week. We hope these meetings have given you an insight into some of the class routines and procedures and in particular has clarified homework expectations. If you have any further queries, class teachers are very happy to speak to you at the end of the school day – do not hesitate to approach them and speak to them in person.

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 5.9.18 to 12.9.18 is 96.06%

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn term 1st half:

Jungle Class – 100%	Woodland Class – 97.78%	Ocean Class - 92.31%	Desert Class – 96.0%
			

School attendance is vital for your child to reach their full potential. If your child is unwell, please ensure that you telephone the school office on the morning of the first day of absence. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Please remember that term time holiday cannot be authorised by the head teacher – all term time holiday will be classified as unauthorised. Please be aware that term time holiday (5 school days or more in an academic year) must be referred to Dorset Local Authority and this will lead to a £60 penalty Notice being issued to each parent.

Lunch boxes

At school we try to promote a healthy lifestyle by participating in regular exercise and eating healthy choices. Please help us by encouraging your children to bring a healthy lunch box to school. We have already noticed that there are a lot of chocolate bars and unhealthy snacks appearing in lunch boxes. We do not allow sweets or fizzy drinks in school. Thank you for your support.



School uniform

The school office has a stock of school uniform if you are looking to purchase any new uniform items. Our Tesco school uniform link on the school website is also working. You may wish to know that the school office has school fleeces and jackets – please speak to the office if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

After school clubs

All the children will bring a slip home by Friday to confirm which clubs they have a place in. Please encourage your child to attend the clubs they have chosen each week. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Home-School Agreement

These documents have been sent home. We would be grateful if you could read this and sign it along with your child. Return of these documents at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Parent/carer ICT Acceptable Use Policy and use of Digital/Video images

These policies have been sent home for your perusal and signature. Please return them to school at your earliest convenience.

Data collection sheets

We have sent these sheets containing information about your child home. Please check the information carefully and amend any details that have changed. We would appreciate return of these sheets at your earliest convenience. It is important that the information we hold is up-to-date.

Transferring to High School in September 2019

A letter has been sent home to Year 6 parents to let them know that applications are now open for parents to apply for a High School Place for September 2019. Applications are made online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions. Applications close on 31st October 2018.

Starting School for the first time in September 2019

If you have a child who is born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 they will be due to start school in September 2019. Applications are open until 15th January 2019. Applications can be made online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed if you would like your child to start at Shillingstone. Please contact the school office for an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe



