



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

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

Friday 12th October

Individual children's school photographs

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

Woodland Class Parent maths mornings

9-9:30 – Fri 5 Oct, Fri 2 Nov, Fri 7 Dec

Ocean Class Parent book sharing session 3pm on Thursday 4th October

Desert Class Parent book sharing session 3pm on Wednesday 3rd October





Thursday 20th September 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 5.9.18 to 14.9.18 is 97.45%

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

Jungle Class – 98.96%	Woodland Class – 98.54%	Ocean Class - 96.88%	Desert Class – 96.04%
			

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.

Start of term Church service on Wednesday 26th September

We will be holding our Start of term Church service in Holyrood Church, Shillingstone on Wednesday 26th September at 2:30pm. All parents/carers, family members and friends are warmly invited. Children should be collected from Church at 3:15pm. If you would like your child to walk back to school with staff members, please let your class teacher know.

Woodland Class Parent maths mornings

We would like to invite parents to come along and attend some maths mornings in Woodland Class. The sessions will be held at 9-9:30am on Friday 5th October, Friday 2nd November and Friday 7th December. The sessions will give you a chance to work alongside your child and play some maths games, linked to the work that has been going on in class. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible!

Harvest Festival – Sunday 7th October

Families are warmly invited to attend the harvest festival service in church at 11am. Harvest gifts of tinned and dried goods will be collected and forwarded to Blandford Foodbank.

Harvest Supper

Come along at 6pm to the Church Centre, bring and share, all welcome!

Ocean and Desert Class book sharing sessions with parents

We warmly welcome parents to come along and attend a book sharing session with your child. The sessions will give you a chance to celebrate the work your child has been doing in class and time to discuss the work with your child. These sessions will be on the following dates at 3pm:

Ocean Class – Thursday 4th October

Desert Class – Wednesday 3rd October

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible!

Pupil Premium

Although all children currently receive a free hot school meal while in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 depending on your financial circumstances you may qualify for your child to receive a free meal throughout their schooling. Currently the funding which the school will get is **£1320** per pupil.

The criteria for this funding are being in receipt of one of the following:

Income Support

Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)

Child Tax Credit, providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) which from 6 April 2010 does not exceed £16,190

Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)

Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and asylum Act 1999

Automated checks for your eligibility can be conducted by Dorset County Council. Please **telephone 01305 221000** and have your date of birth and national insurance number to hand. You will be told immediately if you are eligible and the school can claim the funding.

Service Children

The school can also claim a grant of **£300** for children who have a parent serving in the armed forces during the past six years or who are in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence. Please inform the school office if this applies to your child.

In these days of austerity within school budgets it is vital that we can claim this extra funding if it is applicable.

Children riding bicycles and scooters to school

It is lovely to see so many children riding their bicycles and scooters to school. However, please could we ask that all children wear a helmets, in-case of an accident. Also, this is a courteous reminder to ask all children (including siblings) to dismount from their bicycles and scooters as they enter the school grounds. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Parent return slips

We have sent home various forms and permission slips:

- ICT Acceptable Use
- Home/School Agreement
- Data Collections sheets

Please help us keep up-to-date by returning them to the school office as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

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

