



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Monday 1st - Thursday 4th October

School Book Fair

Monday 8th October

Parents evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Friday 12th October

Individual children's school photographs

Tuesday 16th October

Harvest festival in school at 2:45pm

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 27th September 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 5.9.18 to 21.9.18 is 97.33%

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

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| Jungle Class – 98.40% | Woodland Class – 98.21% | Ocean Class - 96.89% | Desert Class – 96.23% |
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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.

School Book Fair 1st to 4th October

Next week, from Monday to Thursday, we will have a book fair in the school atrium from 3:15pm – 4pm. There will be a good selection of books which parents may browse and buy (payment by cash or cheque is accepted). The school earns commission from the books sold and uses the commission to buy books for the school library. Please come along and support – there may even be a Christmas present or two amongst the selection!

Woodland Class Parent maths mornings

We warmly welcome 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!

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!

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!

Harvest festival – Tuesday 16th October

We will be holding our Harvest festival in school on Tuesday 16th October at 2:45pm. We would be delighted to receive food donations that will be donated to the Blandford Foodbank. Items needed by the Foodbank are:

UHT milk, pasta, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, tins of soup, tins of fish, pulses and lentils, tinned fruit, puddings, squash, fruit juices, coffee, tea, sugar, toiletries and cleaning materials.

Many thanks for your support!

Recycling bank

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to our recycling bank next to the front car park. All donations are gratefully received and all money raised goes straight to the school. Items that can be recycled include: clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains and shoes.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

Leaflets have gone home to each family to collect things or fill a shoe box with small gifts for less fortunate children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Our collection date this year is 1st November. Please help towards this worthy cause and bring items into school towards a shoe box if you are unable to complete a whole box. Thank you for thinking of others this Christmas.

Y2 Football Festival

Five schools from our pyramid got together on Tuesday afternoon to take part in a Year 2 Football Festival. Representing Shillingstone were Harley, Samuel, Seth, Meme and Nathan. Children from all the schools were mixed up into different teams and played 6-a-side games. Three games were played altogether and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Do you have any time to volunteer in school?

We are always looking for volunteers to come into school to help listen to children read. If you have a spare afternoon a week and would like to come in and help we would be very pleased to hear from you!

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
Head Teacher

