



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Monday 8th October

Parents evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Tuesday 9th October

PTA meeting at 3:30pm – child care available so that you can attend!

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 4th October 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 5.9.18 to 28.9.18 is 96.53%

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

Jungle Class – 95.37%	Woodland Class – 96.76%	Ocean Class - 97.12%	Desert Class – 96.21%
			

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

Thank you to everyone who came along to the school Book Fair. We will let you know in due course how much commission the school received to buy books for the school library. Your support is much appreciated!

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!

Parents' evenings

Our first parent evening is on Monday 8th October between 3:30pm and 7pm. We would like to meet with parents of all children in the school. If the dates of parents' evenings are not suitable, please contact your child's class teacher to organise a mutually convenient appoint.

We look forward to meeting you all!

PTA meeting – Tuesday 9th October

All parents are warmly welcomed to our next PTA meeting on Tuesday 9th October at 3:30pm. There will be child care available so that you are able to attend if you have children and siblings!

All our children benefit from the funds raised by the PTA and we desperately need more support in order to run the PTA. Please come along – we need you!!

Individual / Family photographs

The photographer will visit the school on Friday 12th October to take individual and family photographs. If you have a younger sibling that you would like to have photographs with the school age children's, please come into school at 8:45am. Proofs will be given out as soon as possible for you to place orders.

PLEASE NOTE: if you do not want your child to be photographed, please let the school office know in advance. Many thanks.

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.

Head lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice this week. Please could you check your child's hair and treat it if necessary. Your help and support is much appreciated.

Do you have any time to volunteer I 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!

Dorset Library Reading Challenge

We are so pleased to see that lots of our pupils took part in the summer reading challenge. Well done to the following children who completed the challenge and received certificates:

Eve, Seth, Sydney, Gracie, Ella, Neve, Adam, Albie, Verity, Ava, Joey, Antonia, Georgia, Charlie.
Overall, 66% of children at Shillingstone who started the challenge completed it! Well done!

Maypole After School club

Maypole offer an after school club for all children. The Maypole team are extremely flexible – children can be booked in for individual days or blocks of days. However, Maypole must have 24 hours' notice in order for them to ensure that they have the correct staffing. If you would like to discuss after school club with Maypole, their phone number is: 01258 861228.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

