



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

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

9am – PTA Coffee morning – all parents invited to come along

Friday 2nd November

Spooky disco run by the PTA – 6pm – 7:15pm

Saturday 17th November

PTA adult quiz night at The Portman Hall – 7:30pm

Woodland Class Parent maths mornings

9-9:30 – Fri 2 Nov, Fri 7 Dec





Thursday 11th October 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from 5.9.18 to 5.10.18 is 96.57%

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

Jungle Class – 96.38%	Woodland Class – 97.32%	Ocean Class - 96.49%	Desert Class – 95.86%
			

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 supported the school book fair. The school earned a massive £264 in commission and we will be purchasing new books for our school library with this.

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 your school age children, 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!

Parent evening

Our second session for meeting parents is on Wednesday 17th October. You will have received a slip from school with your time if you have booked this date. We look forward to meeting you.

Hot school meals

Menus have gone home for meals after half term. Please remember to book your child's meals at least a week in advance, therefore meals for the first week back after half term need to be booked by Monday 22nd October. If you do not intend for your child to have hot meals, i.e. they have a lunch box, please do not book hot meals.

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.

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!

Starting High School in September 2019

There are a number of parents still to apply for their child's place in High School. Applications are online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions Applications close on 31st October 2018.

PTA news

The PTA held a meeting in the school atrium on Tuesday 9th October. We were pleased to see three new parents getting involved with the PTA.

The PTA still need more parents to come and support. We will be holding a PTA coffee morning on Monday 29th October at 9am – please come along and get involved. All events that are organised raise money for all the children in the school.

The Spooky disco is booked for Friday 2nd November from 6pm – 7:15pm – all children are welcome to attend.

Put the date in your diary - PTA adult quiz night at The Portman Hall – 7:30pm. Look out for details on how you can get a ticket!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

