



# SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Dates for diaries:

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Start of term service in Holy Rood Church

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Education Sunday Church Service at Holy Rood Church  
Shillingstone at 10:30am

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Half term

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Children due back into school

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Easter holidays

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

INSET day

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Children due back in school

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

### **Academy Conversion**

The school is exploring the option of moving into a Multi Academy Trust alongside a number of Sturminster Newton cluster schools. Headteachers and governors from each school have been working together in a Steering Group Committee, to set out the vision and ethos of the proposed Multi-Academy Trust. This information can be found in the Memorandum of Understanding, which is published on our school website along with a 'frequently asked questions' leaflet. We will keep you informed about the proposals as well as future parent consultations.

### **Attendance figures**

Well done to Woodland Class who won the attendance cup for Autumn Term 2! Final percentages are given below:

Jungle Class – 96.21%

Woodland Class – 96.35%

Ocean Class – 95.72%

Desert Class – 95.73%

### **Start of term Church service**

We warmly welcome all parents/carers to our start of term Church service on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 2:45pm. We would be grateful if parents could collect children from the Church at the end of the service at 3:15pm. If you would like your child to walk back to school with staff, please inform the school office.

### **KS2 Swimming**

Swimming for groups 2 and 4 will start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please could you ensure your child has their swimming costume, swimming hat, goggles (optional) and towel on this day. Groups 1 and 3 will be staying in school with Mrs Clasby for a PE lesson.

### **After School Clubs**

We will send out the club choices letter by the end of the week. Clubs will commence week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January apart from Winter Wiggle which starts tonight for 5 weeks (£18 cost) and Badminton (letters already out) which starts on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Dorset Music Service**

North Dorset Music School cluster tuition launch is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January (tomorrow) at St Gregory's Primary School in Marnhull from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

This is a drop in session for parents and children interested in music tuition.

### **Starting School in Reception Class in September 2017**

Just a reminder that if you have a child who is due to start school in Reception class in September, the closing date for applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Applications can be made online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe

