



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Friday 3rd February

Woodland Class Parent Celebration
Assembly

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Half term

Monday 20th February

Children due back into school

Friday 3rd March

Ocean Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th March

Jungle Class Parent celebration Assembly

Friday 31st March

Desert Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Friday 7th April

PTA disco

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April

Easter holidays

Monday 24th April

INSET day

Tuesday 25th April

Children due back in school

Dear parents/carers,

Attendance figures

Current attendance figures for Spring term 1st half are:

Jungle Class – 97.18%

Woodland Class – 98.49%

Ocean Class – 97.71%

Desert Class – 96.58%

Attendance at school from September - 96.22%

Shillingstone CE VA Primary School sees regular attendance and punctuality as crucial to the success of every pupil and we have sent letters in the past, to ensure that you are aware of the school's expectations in this area.

In recent parent newsletters, I have made it clear that the school has now fallen into the bottom quintile and is well below the national figure expected of schools for whole school attendance.

It is important that every parent and carer understands that term time holiday **cannot** be authorised by the headteacher and that vital teaching and learning time is lost when children are taken out of school. Every holiday that is taken, contributes to the overall attendance figure of the school. Attendance figures are regularly analysed by both the school and external authorities, including OFSTED.

We are currently waiting for OFSTED to come (our last inspection was over 4 years ago). OFSTED inspectors will make a judgement on the school about attendance. In our previous OFSTED, we received an 'Outstanding' for our Behaviour and Safety, but this will not be the case if our attendance figures continue at the current rate or continues to fall. The OFSTED grades are below:

Good

- Few are absent or persistently absent. No groups of pupils are disadvantaged by low attendance. The attendance of pupils who

have previously had exceptionally high rates of absence is showing marked and sustained improvement.

Requires Improvement / Inadequate

- Attendance is consistently low for all pupils or groups of pupils and shows little sign of sustained improvement.

Our current whole school attendance figure is 96.22 % (from 1.9.16 – current date). If this continues to fall any further, we will be judged as RI/Inadequate in this area and would affect our overall OFSTED judgement. It would be a great shame if our school went into an OFSTED category, such as Requires Improvement or Inadequate, due to attendance.

As always, we are thankful for your support with this matter.

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

Once again, we are registered for the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers scheme. Please collect as many vouchers as possible and post them in the collection box in the reception porch. We exchange these vouchers for sports equipment and the more vouchers we get, the better the equipment we can choose!

Nursery and after school and holiday club

The school governors and I are thrilled to announce that Maypole Day Nursery will be taking over the running of the nursery as well as providing school aged children after school and holiday club. The nursery will be managed and directed by Diane Gibson. If you are interested in registering your child in nursery or an after school or holiday club, the school office has registration packs available.

Education Sunday

On Sunday 22nd January children from Shillingstone Primary went to the education Sunday family service held at Holy Rood Church. We would like to thank all the children for their brilliant drama work and all the parents, family and friends who joined us for the service.

Boccia festival

The Boccia Schools' festival was held here on Thursday afternoon. Our team consisted of Alfie H, Thomas S, Toby, Sebbie and Charlie C. The children really enjoyed learning new skills and meeting children from other schools. Well done to our team!

Parent Forum

We will be holding the next Parent Forum meeting on Monday 6th February. Please speak to your year group representatives if you have anything you would like to feed back to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe



