



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for diaries:

Every Tuesday 9.05am to 9.30am

Parents are invited to join us for Church worship in the school hall

Monday 23rd September

After School Clubs start

Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October

Book Fair 3.15pm – 4pm daily

Thursday 3rd October

9am to 9.30am – Woodland maths morning for parents

Friday 11th October

2.30pm – Harvest Service in School
All parents welcome

Tuesday 15th October

R – Y6 Flu Vaccinations in school

Friday 18th October

Non-School Uniform Day – Pink & Green in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care

Friday 18th October

PTA School Disco
6.15pm to 7.30pm in school hall.





Thursday 26th September 2019

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 4.9.18 to 13 is 95.29 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 94.63%	Woodland Class – 96.15%	Ocean Class - 94.46%	Desert Class – 96.05%
			

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 (10 sessions within a 12 school week period) must be referred to Dorset Local Authority and this could lead to a £60 penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child who misses school.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Caroline Cooper has asked us to let parents know that there is some availability for individual or group lessons. If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument further details are available from the school office.





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Shillingstone CE Primary School held their 'Start of term service' in school on Wednesday 11th September. The whole school was joined by family members, friends, governors and staff and the service was held by Rev'd Karen. All the new children in Reception and the new starters in the other year groups made a special, individually designed pebble to represent themselves which they placed in the school's spiritual garden. The whole school gave thanks to God for a new academic year.

Transferring to High School in September 2020

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 2020. Applications are made online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions Applications close on 31st October 2019.

Starting School for the first time in September 2020

If you have a child who is born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 they will be due to start school in September 2020. Applications are open until 15th January 2020. 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.





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Head Lice

Head lice have been identified in school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Driving to and from school on Augustan Avenue

Please drive slowly and carefully when driving in Augustan Avenue on your way to and from school. There are always many cars parked which makes it difficult to manoeuvre around the road. Please think of our children's safety.

School Website

We have a new style school website! We will be working hard in the coming weeks to include lots of information for parents.

Flu Vaccinations

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be entitled to have the flu vaccination at our clinic here in school on Tuesday 15th October. A letter has gone home both electronically and in paper format to inform you that you need to do an online consent form – otherwise your child will not be vaccinated. If you have not given the school an email address please let the school office know your email address at your earliest convenience so that you can be kept up to date with information. If you do not have internet access or need assistance in registering your child please ask Helen or Sonia in the school office.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be having another book fair at school from Monday 30th September until Thursday 3rd October. Parents may come in and buy books from 3.15pm to 4pm daily. The school earns a commission from all sales to spend on new books for the school library. Payments can be made by cheque or cash on the day.

Woodland Maths Morning – Thursday 3rd October

Parents of children in Woodland class are invited in between 9am and 9.30am to participate in a Maths session with their child. This is an opportunity to see for yourself how the children are doing Maths in Year 1 and Year 2.





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Harvest Service in School

As a school we are working hard on 3 key areas – supporting families, making a change and celebrating diversity. We hope that making donations to our local foodbank will support local families and make a small change to their lives for the better.

We will be holding our Harvest Service in school on Friday 11th October at 2.30pm. Children are asked if they can donate any non-perishable items i.e. dried pasta, tins, plastic bottles etc. The items we collect will be donated to the Blandford Foodbank.

If any family is struggling and needs assistance from the food bank we have the ability to issue vouchers from the school office. If you need assistance please contact the school office in confidence.

Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 18th October

All children are invited to come to school dressed in green or pink clothing in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 18th October. Suggested minimum donation of £1 per child. All proceeds will be sent to Macmillan, a very worthy charity of which I'm sure we all know someone who has benefitted from their service.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe
Headteacher

