



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER · TOGETHER WE LEARN

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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

Friday 11th October

2.30pm – Harvest Service in School
All parents welcome. Food donations to Blandford Food Bank

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.

Tuesday 22nd October

Family and individual school photographs

Wednesday 23rd October

2.45pm - Woodland Class Parent Celebration Assembly

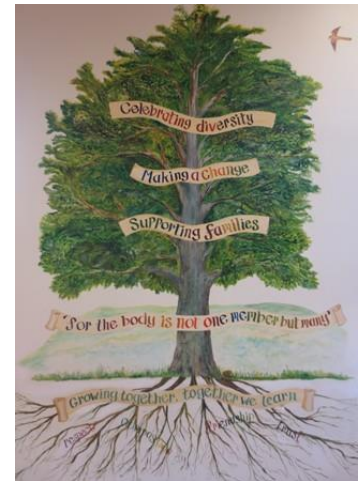
Thursday 24th October

School Council Cake Sale 3.15pm

For the body is not one member but many. Corinthians 12: 12-14

Growing Together. Together we learn.

Our vision reminds us that the body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one; we are strongest working together in unity. As we all we work together we demonstrate our Christian values of **respect, compassion, friendship and trust.**



Our ambition is to: Celebrate diversity, Make a change, and Support families.

Thursday 10th October 2019

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 4.9.18 to 27.9.19 is 96.13 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 95.92%	Woodland Class – 97.10%	Ocean Class - 94.94%	Desert Class – 96.80%

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.





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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.

Flu Vaccinations

All children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents have registered their child will be vaccinated on **Tuesday 15th October** at a clinic being held in school.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Once again we will be participating in the Shoebox Scheme which sends a shoebox of small gifts to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. The shoebox can be decorated with Christmas paper and the gifts can include small toys, picture book, hat, gloves, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, paper, crayons, felt tip pens, ball, but must not include battery powered items, war related toys, food or sweets of any kind, medicines, large toys or sharp items.

Shoeboxes should be filled and returned to school by **Monday 4th November** at the very latest.

There are a few empty shoeboxes at school if you need one. If you would like to bring in some items to put in a shoebox that is also helpful.

Leaflets with further details are in the school office.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all parents who bought from our Book Fair. £83.80 was raised for the school.

Harvest Service in School





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Our Harvest Service is in school tomorrow 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. Parents are welcome to attend the service.

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.



PTA Disco – Friday 18th October

6.15pm – 7.30pm

Entry £1.50 on the night

Children can come in fancy dress if they want to.





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Aldi Kits for School

Aldi are handing out stickers for every £30 spent. We are collecting the stickers and if we collect 300 stickers by the end of the promotion in November we will receive a free kit for school and will be entered into a draw to win £20,000. If you shop in Aldi (nearest one Poole at the moment) please take your stickers in to school.

New Code Club at Sturminster Newton Library

Sturminster Newton Library will be hosting a code club on the first Friday of every month beginning on Friday 8th November.

The club will run between 15.45pm and 16.45 pm. It is free but booking is essential as demand is expected to be high.

If you would like more information about code club and what it involves, please see the website at <https://codeclub.org/en/>

For ages 7 and upwards



It's fast approaching and if you've not already started thinking about what gifts to get for family and friends, now is the time!! 😊 If you are going to be shopping online, please remember you can raise FREE donations for Shillingstone Primary through The Giving Machine!

Just remember to sign up and start at TheGivingMachine then follow the link to your chosen retailer, it couldn't be easier! With over 2500 stores to choose from you'll be able to find the gift you need and raise FREE donations for the school at the same time.

Keep a close eye on TheGivingMachine website for discounts, featured retailers and special offer codes, they change on a regular basis and could save you a few pounds.

Happy shopping!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe
Headteacher

