



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 18th October

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

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

9.10am Woodland Class Parent Celebration Assembly

Thursday 24th October

School Council Cake Sale 3.15pm
PTA selling pumpkins 3.15pm

Monday 4th November

Staff Training Day

Wednesday 6th November

Parent Consultation Meetings
3.30pm – 7pm

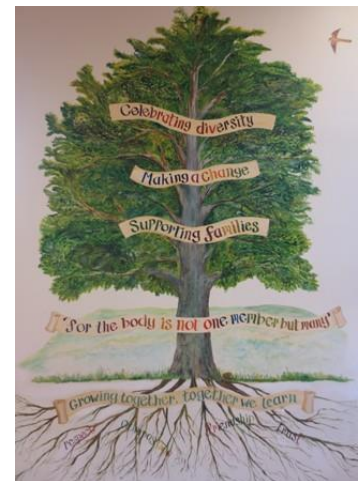
Friday 8th November

9.10am Ocean Class parent celebration assembly

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 17th October 2019

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 4.9.18 to 11.10.19 is 96.35 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 95.90%	Woodland Class – 97.45%	Ocean Class - 95.13%	Desert Class – 97.13%
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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.

Y5 Parent Information Meeting – Leeson House Residential

Parents of children in Year 5 are invited to an information meeting with Mrs Vail on Monday 21st October at 3.15pm. Children can also come along and listen to the information about the forthcoming overnight stay at Leeson House.

Woodland Class Parent Celebration Assembly

All parents of children in Woodland class are invited to a celebration assembly on Wednesday 23rd October at **9.10am**. Apologies but the timing of this assembly was wrongly publicised in last week's parent letter as 2.45pm.

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





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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.

Eco tip of the week – Reduce – Repair-Recycle-Reuse

Close your curtains or blinds as it starts to get dark. The extra insulation will keep in the warmth. Turn off lights when leaving a room. It's basic isn't it? But probably quite hard to do in a family home.

PTA NEWS

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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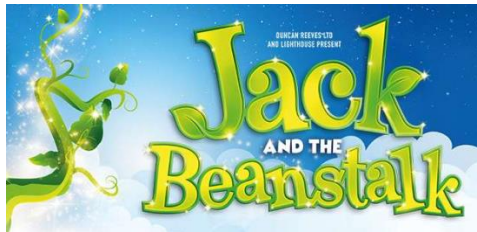
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Thursday 24th October at 3.15pm

Members of the PTA will be selling pumpkins to raise proceeds for the school. Also the school council will be selling cakes to raise funds for our pantomime trip. All donations of cakes are gratefully accepted on the morning of 24th October.

"Send us to the Panto"



The Shillingstone Primary School PTA are currently hard at work organising events to raise funds to send all the children to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Lighthouse in Poole on 16th December. This will be a fantastic event for all the children to enjoy in the lead up to the end of the school term.

We are raising funds to pay for the coach, and it would be great if you were able to support the PTA in any of the upcoming events.

Spooky Disco on Friday 18th October

Selling Pumpkins on Thursday 24th October at 3.15pm

Black Friday on 29th November, online shopping through TheGivingMachine

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/shillingstone-ce-va-primary-school/>

Christmas Movie Night on 29th November

Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December

Not forgetting TheGivingLottery which raises 40p for every £1 ticket sold.

<https://www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/shillingstone-ce-va-primary-school>

Thank you!





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Rudolph Personalised Merchandise

Children have had a letter and template to design personalised Christmas cards and gifts. All orders and payment to be back to school by Tuesday 5th November please.

Parent Consultation Meetings

The above meetings will be held on Wednesday 6th November and Wednesday 13th November. Please remember to return your slip to school with preferred times. Once the timetable has been organised you will get a confirmed appointment time.

We would like to be able to meet with all parents. If you are unable to attend the days selected please speak to your child's class teacher on an individual basis to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Woodland Maths Morning

After the highly successful maths morning on 3rd October Woodland will have another maths morning from 9am to 9.30am on Thursday 7th November. We would like as many parents to come and join in the fun maths games and challenges.

Hot School Meals Menu – Autumn 2

Menus have gone home this week with choices to select meals from after half term up to Christmas. The special Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 18th December. We like as many children as possible to join in having the Christmas dinner so order in plenty of time. All meals need to be ordered a minimum of 7 days in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe
Headteacher

