



# 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

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

School Council Cake Sale 3.15pm  
PTA selling pumpkins 3.15pm

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Staff Training Day

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

9am – 9.30am Woodland class maths morning.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

9.10am Ocean Class parent celebration assembly

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultation Meetings  
3.30pm – 5pm

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Y6 Children in Need Toy Sale and Non-Uniform Day

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Y5 Children Leeson House Residential

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

2.45pm Jungle 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 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear parents,

### Attendance

Whole school attendance from 4.9.18 to 18.10.19 is 96.42 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 95.96%	Woodland Class – 97.33%	Ocean Class - 95.42%	Desert Class – 97.15%
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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.

### 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 **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Please remember if you haven't applied for your child's high school place that applications close on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**. Applications are made online at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions)

### Remembrance

Poppies and remembrance merchandise will be on sale daily at 3.15pm. We will be holding a service for children in school at 9am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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](http://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

### 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.





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

Lower your washing cycle in your washing machine. Modern detergents can clean as effectively at 30 degrees.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

We are delighted to report that we have sent £110.77 to Macmillan Cancer Support which was raised during our non-uniform day last Friday.

#### **PTA Disco – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

We have raised £118.66 from the disco last Friday evening.

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please remember to send in your panto reply slip and parental contribution if you haven't done so yet – thank you!**

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.

Selling Pumpkins on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm

Black Friday on 29th November, online shopping through TheGivingMachine

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





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Christmas Movie Night on 29th November

Christmas Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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!*

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> November please.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

The above meetings will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October Woodland will have another maths morning from 9am to 9.30am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We would like as many parents to come and join in the fun maths games and challenges.

### **Hot School Meals Menu – Autumn 2**

Please remember to order next half term's meals. The special Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We like as many children as possible to join in having the Christmas dinner so order in plenty of time.







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## Making a change



Over the next couple of years, one of our school ambitions/aims is to 'make a change' in our own community that will have an impact on the wider world. The school is very keen to ensure that we are recycling as much as possible and the children are doing a fantastic job of collecting their crisp packets after lunch time. All of the crisp packets are being collected and given to the Church who will be sending all the crisp packets collected to a company who make everyday items from the materials recycled.

The Church is also collecting Eco Bricks. Eco Bricks are plastic bottles crammed with plastics that you can't recycle. You need a 1.5l or 2l bottle, fill it with all of your non-recyclable plastics, push them down tightly into the bottle and screw the lid on. The school is very happy to act as a collection point!



Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe  
Headteacher

