



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

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

Thursday 3rd October 2019

Dear parents,

Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 4.9.18 to 27.9.19 is 95.88 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 95.58%	Woodland Class – 96.56%	Ocean Class - 94.93%	Desert Class – 96.58%

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.

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





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information. If you do not have internet access or need assistance in registering your child please ask Helen or Sonia in the school office.

Shillingstone School Church Drama Group

Well done to the members of the Drama Group who enacted the story of 'The Good Samaritan' at the Family Service on Sunday. You did a fantastic job bringing the story to life. Thank you for your hard work. We said a final thankyou to last year's year 6s but not goodbye - as we hope they'll still come to Family Service sometimes.

We're not doing a performance this month, as the service falls in half term. The drama group will get together for the following month (November 24th) and it would be lovely to have more children join us: all of the members do enjoy it and their efforts are highly appreciated by everybody in the church. The drama is a key part of an informal, friendly service with a very happy atmosphere, so why not try it and see?

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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Scholastic Book Fair

Today is the last day of the book fair. 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. We will let you know how much commission the school has earned once the sales have been added up.

Harvest Service in School

Our Harvest Service is in school next 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. 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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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 TheGivingMachine!

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

