



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> December

School Council Cake Sale 3.15pm  
KS1 Nativity 6pm – 6.30pm

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation to Save the Children Fund

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Whole school trip to the pantomime.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Pyramid Carol Concert at SNHS 6pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Local Food Links Christmas Lunch

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service in Church 2.30pm.  
Children to be collected from church.  
School closes to children for Christmas.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Crib and Christingle services being held at 3pm and 4.30pm – Holyrood Church

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Children back to school

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Start of term service in church 2.30pm

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear parents,

### Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 4.9.18 to 6.12.19 is 95.50 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 94.35%	Woodland Class – 97.29%	Ocean Class - 94.04%	Desert Class – 96.53%

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.

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

When printing documents choose 'print on both sides' of the paper. Keep a tray or box by the printer for paper and letters that you can re-use to print on the other side or keep to use as scrap paper.

### **Blandford Food Bank**

Blandford food bank have kindly given us some vouchers for any school families who are struggling financially and are worried about affording their food over the festive period. Please make an appointment to speak to me in confidence so that we can ease this worry by offering you a food bank food voucher.

### **Christmas Trees**

There are still some Christmas trees available to buy. There are 4ft at £20 and 5ft at £30. They are available from The Old Ox Inn at Shillingstone.

### **KS1 Nativity**

The evening performance of our KS1 Nativity is tonight at 6pm. Please remember to bring your KS1 children back to school for 5.45pm to get changed into their costumes. The nativity performance will last for approximately half an hour and all families are welcome to attend.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Tomorrow - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform wearing their Christmas jumpers for a £1 donation to Save the Children Fund.

### **Homeless Presentation – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

At our assembly we will be presenting Mrs Osnowska with everything we have collected for the homeless. Any last minute donations parents wish to bring in will be very welcome.

### **After School Clubs**

Please note the after school clubs are now finished.





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### **Pantomime Visit – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Please ensure all children arrive promptly between 8.25am and 8.35am on Monday as we will be leaving at 8.45am to arrive in Poole in time for a 10am start. Children should wear full school uniform. Thank you to the PFA for raising the funds to pay for the coaches to take us to Poole, along with a £325 donation from the Blackmore Vale Lions Club.

### **Christmas Eve Services at Holyrood Church**

You are warmly invited to attend a Crib and Christingle service being held on Christmas Eve in Holyrood Church. There will be two services, one at 3pm and one at 4.30pm, please come along to which ever service is most convenient for your family.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

We have 20 children taking part in the annual pyramid carol concert in Sturminster Newton High School at 6pm. Each child is entitled to have two seats in the audience allocated to their family. In the morning the choir will travel to a rehearsal at the High School along with Mrs Whitehouse-Sharpe.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Local Food Links will be providing a festive lunch to those children who have booked a meal. All children will eat together in the hall as usual.

### **Christmas Carol Service in Church – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday we will hold our carol service in Holyrood Church at 2.30pm. All friends and family are invited to join us. Children should be collected from church at 3.15pm, however please let your child's class teacher know if you would like your child to walk back to school with staff.

We finish for the Christmas and New Year holidays at 3.15pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe  
Headteacher





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## PTA NEWS

### Christmas Fair – Friday 6<sup>TH</sup> December

Thank you to all parents and staff who came along to the Christmas Fair on Friday evening. We had a very busy fair with lots of lovely stalls and activities going on. When all the figures are in we will let you know what has been raised.

**HAPPY'S CIRCUS**  
*Even the kids will love it!*

**17th April 2020**  
**SHILLINGSTONE PRIMARY PTA**

Are proud to announce Happy's Circus will be coming to Shillingstone!  
The big top is set to land at the recreation ground and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the show!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE NOW!  
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