



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm – 7.30pm PTA Christmas Fair & Christmas Tree Sales

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

PTA Christmas Party

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

2pm Seniors in for Tea & Cake  
 2.30pm Whole school sing carols to seniors

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Desert Class Victorian Day  
 KS1 Nativity 2.15pm – 2.45pm

### 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.

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

Dear parents,

### Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 4.9.18 to 29.11.19 is 95.49 %

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn 1 :

Jungle Class – 95.21%	Woodland Class – 96.84%	Ocean Class - 93.64%	Desert Class – 96.62%
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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.

### **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

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

Try to think of a second use for plastic containers that you have to buy. For example you can reuse a large plant food tub as a paint kettle. Just reusing once halves the waste!

### **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.

### **KS1 Nativity**

All families are welcome to come along to our KS1 Nativity on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The nativity performance will last for approximately half an hour.

### **School Council Cake Sale – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

As a final push towards raising funds for our coach to the pantomime the school council will be holding a cake sale after school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Donations of cakes are gratefully received on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – 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.





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### Local Food Links Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December is the last day for you to order the roast turkey lunch for your child which is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the meal is £2.40 and can be ordered online. If you have forgotten the login please ask Helen or Sonia in the office to give you a copy of it.

### After School Clubs

Please note the after school clubs finish on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Letters will go out in January for Spring term after school clubs.

## PTA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FROM 5.30PM TO 7.30PM (please note change of times)



### Christmas Tree Orders

Please remember to return any Christmas Tree orders.

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

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





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## PTA Disco

There were 79 children at the disco on Friday evening. We raised £116.05 – thank you for the support.

## PTA Christmas Party – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

The PTA will be hosting a Christmas Party for all children in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school in their party clothes and at various times during the day they will be brought to the hall either by class or the whole school to enjoy entertainment and food. Please do not provide a lunch for your child on this day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Whitehouse-Sharpe  
Headteacher





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### Consultation on the SAST Admissions Policy 2021/22

9th December 2019 to 17th January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders,

Sherborne Area Schools' Trust is the admissions authority for all schools within the Trust. Under section 1.42 of the Schools Admission Code 2014, SAST schools are obliged to consult with parents, carers and other stakeholders about the content of its Admissions Policy, irrespective of the policy being changed, at least every seven years. This consultation must be for a minimum period of 6 weeks and should take place between 1 October and 31 January.

There have been no substantial changes to the Admissions Policy since the last consultation in December 2018 in terms of criteria for entry. However, we have added to the list of SAST schools as we have had new schools join in 2019 and we have also listed the feeder schools for The Gryphon School, Sherborne and King Arthurs School, Wincanton for information.

With regard to the changes described above, you are respectfully invited to review this updated 2021/22 policy and provide any comments directly to the Trust by email or by post to the following address by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

Steve Hillier, CEO  
Sherborne Area Schools' Trust  
St. Aldhelm's House, c/o The Gryphon School  
Bristol Road  
Sherborne  
Dorset DT9 4EQ

[office@sast.org.uk](mailto:office@sast.org.uk)

The SAST Admissions policy can be accessed via the school office or via the SAST website.

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

