



# SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER · TOGETHER WE LEARN

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## Dates for diaries:

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Whole school flu immunisation programme. Please go online and give your consent for your child to be immunised.

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Staff Training Day – No children in school.

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Autumn Half Term Holiday

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Children return to school.

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

Reception and Year 1 vision screening

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

Parent Consultation Appointments  
3.30pm – 7pm

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

All classes holding book sale led by the School Council

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

Non-Uniform Day – donations in aid of Children in Need

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

Parent Consultation Appointments  
3.30pm – 5.30pm

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear parents,

### Attendance

Whole school attendance from is 7.9.20 to 16.10.20 is 97.19%

Attendance figures for each class for Autumn Term 1:

Jungle Class – 94.87%	Woodland Class – 99.20%	Ocean Class - 98.28%	Desert Class – 95.85%
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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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### School Website - Remote Learning

Please have a look at our school website to see what each class is doing. We have lots of information and pictures so you can keep up to date.

As you know we now have all class lessons on the school website each week so if your child has to self-isolate or is well enough when absent they can continue their learning. If you have any difficulty in downloading the lessons please contact the school office and we can email the lessons to you direct.

### Flu Programme – Thursday 22 October 2020

All children with consent and were present in school today have had the flu vaccination. If you do not provide consent your child was not vaccinated in school but you can contact your health centre to arrange an appointment.

### Reception and Year 1 Vision Screening

The above screening will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. All children in Reception and Year 1 will have the screening unless you complete and return an 'Opt-Out' form. These forms have gone home in your child's book bag today.

### Drop-off and pick-up of children

Thank you to everyone who is using the one-way system in the school playground, it is working really well. Please remember to socially distance to keep us all safe and well.

A parent has made a good suggestion about using the side gate which leads onto the public pathway, rather than the main school gate when leaving the school grounds. If you are able to use this route, it may ease the bottle neck on the front gate with families coming in and out. Many thanks for your help and support with this.

### PTA Rudolph Card Fundraising

If you wanted to order some personalised cards or goods please remember that the final date for submitting drawings/orders/money is 2<sup>nd</sup> November. They should be returned to Jo Newton or left in an envelope in the school office.





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## PE Kit

Many thanks for ensuring that the children are wearing their PE kit into school on the correct days. Please see the table below and note the changes to this for after half term.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<b>Desert</b> - PE lesson <b>Ocean</b> – PE lesson <b>Woodland</b> – <u>only</u> children attending the <u>Dance</u> after school club <b>Jungle</b> - <u>only</u> children attending the <u>Dance</u> after school club	<b>Desert</b> - PE lesson <b>Ocean</b> – PE lesson (and <u>Sports</u> after school club for some children)	<b>Desert</b> – <u>only</u> children attending the <u>Cricket</u> after school club <b>Woodland</b> – PE lesson <b>Jungle</b> – PE lesson	<b>Woodland</b> – PE lesson <b>Jungle</b> – PE lesson

## Bonfire Safety Notice

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding everyone about the dangers of fireworks to help keep people safe this bonfire and fireworks season. With many organised events cancelled, emergency services are preparing for a busier night than usual as people celebrate in their own gardens. We are asking everyone to show RESPECT this Bonfire Night.

## Respect the Firework

Whilst most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery. Remember that fireworks are explosives, and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and the Firework Code.

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm
- Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.





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### Respect the Emergency Services

We are currently amidst a global pandemic and we are asking people not to take risks, putting additional pressures on our emergency services. Injuries can be prevented by following the Firework code. If you suffer a burn, ensure you:

- **Cool the burn under cold running water for at least ten minutes.**
- **After the burn has been cooled, cover it with cling film or a clean plastic bag.**
- **Call 999 if necessary. Always seek medical advice for a baby or child that has been burned.**

### Respect your neighbours

Fireworks can frighten people and animals. The elderly and children are frequently scared and intimidated by firework noise. After all, fireworks are explosives. Tell your neighbours if you're a planning on letting off fireworks and avoid purchasing really noisy ones. Please be considerate when having a firework party and make sure the noise is over by 11pm.

You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for:

- Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight
- New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am

Show some respect this Bonfire Night.

Thank you for your assistance, we appreciate your help in encouraging everyone to show Respect and stay safe this Halloween and Bonfire season.

### Maypole Nursery

Maypole Nursery will be closing at the end of December. Shillingstone Primary School is very keen to ensure that we continue to have nursery provision on the school site and are pleased to announce that the tender documentation is currently being advertised for a new provider.

The tender documentation for a procurement is being run by the Schools' Buying Hub South West on behalf of the Shillingstone Primary School who are part of the Sherborne Area Schools Trust.

The procurement is being run through the InTend portal:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/schoolsbuyingclub>





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### Final Reminder from Local Food Links

Our new online ordering system <https://my.localfoodlinks.org.uk/login> has been a huge success with parents and schools and we are delighted. We would like to switch off our old system at the end of October and realise that some families may still have monies owing to them which we would be happy to transfer to the new system. This will not happen automatically as they are two entirely different systems that are not linked.

If you believe you have money on the old myschoolmeals ordering system, please can you contact the LFL Team: [support@localfoodlinks.org.uk](mailto:support@localfoodlinks.org.uk) before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and we will be happy to transfer the money to our new system for you. The credit will stay on your new account until you are ready to use it.

The system will be switched off on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October so please do not delay – contact LFL as soon as possible.

We will need the following information to enable us to transfer the money between systems:

- Your Name
- Email address used for myschoolmeals
- Name of child/children
- School
- Class or Year

### Parent Consultation Meetings

This year our meetings will be held virtually. You will still be given a 10 minute appointment time to discuss your child's progress at school. The appointments will be carried out on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November. Details will be given out in due course of how to access appointment times.

### Children in Need – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need are focusing on Mental Wellbeing this year. We will be supporting the charity by having a Non-Uniform Day with suggested donations of £1 to be sent to Children in Need. Unfortunately with the current situation this is the only fund-raising we will be doing this year to support this worthwhile charity.





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### Transferring to High School in September 2021

Please remember the closing date will be in half term for applications to transfer to High School for September 2020. Applications are made online at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions)  
Applications close on **31st October 2020**.

### Starting School for the first time in September 2021

If you have a child who is born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they will be due to start school in September 2021. Applications are open until 15th January 2021. Applications can be made online at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions) We are only conducting telephone enquiries at the moment due to Covid-19 regulations.

Yours sincerely

Jane Whitehouse-Sharpe  
Head Teacher

